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CN Supreme Court Reverse Decision of District Judge

By Helen Chalakee

A highly disputed matter between the National Council and the CN Election Board over the legality of Perry Beaver serving as Second Chief has been resolved in the Creek Nation Supreme Court.

On January 18, Supreme Court Judge read a ruling which reversed an earlier decision by District Court Judge Chinnubbie McIntosh calling for a new election.

The Creek Nation Supreme Court opinion ruled in favor of Beaver and declared him the legal winner of the election and indicated Creek Nation should pay for Beaver's attorney fees caused him by the litagation.

According to National Council Speaker Carney Roberts, speaking for the Council as a whole, no recourse could be taken from the high court ruling. "That's not to say," Roberts added, "what individual council members might want to do on their own."

The Supreme Court opinion was authored by Justice Elliot Howe and concurred by Chief Justice Mike Flud and Justices Wilma Berryhill, Willard Pittman and Clarence Douglas.

The Supreme Court also mandated that attorneys wishing to practice in the Creek Courts should make appropriate application to do so.

Creek Nation Seeks Princess Applicants

The Creek Nation Princess Committee is seeking applications nationwide for the 1986 Creek Nation Princess Pageant. This year the pageant will be held on April 22, at the Creek Nation Mound Auditorium.

Contestants must be 1/4 degree Creek blood, a Junior in High School to a Junior in College not the exceed the age of 22 years old, never been married, or have children. Talent can either be traditional or contemporary.(The Lord's Prayer in sign language will not be accepted as talent.)

The Creek Nation Princess will receive a scholarship of $500 and a gift of $300. The first runner-up will receive a gift of $200, and the second runner-up will receive $100. Each escort winner will receive $25. This year consolation gifts will be given to all contestant participants.

The deadline for applicant entry will be April 14th. Contestants should submit a photo with their application. If the contestant wishes her photo to be in the Muscogee Nation News, the photo should be sent before March 17th.

For applications and further information, contact Rachel Thomas, Creek Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, (918) 756-8700.

THE INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES met January 10 at Tahlequah for its quarterly session. All five tribal leaders were present. Shown (l-r): Choctaw Principal Chief Hollis Roberts, Creek Principal Chief Claude Cox, Cherokee Principal Chief Wilma Mankiller, Seminole Principal Chief Ed Tanyan, and Chicksaw Governor Overton James. Chief Mankiller was elected Inter-tribal President for the coming year.

Five Tribes Inter-tribal Council Meet

By Helen Chalakee

All five tribal leaders of the Inter-tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes were in attendance at the January 10 quarterly meeting held in the Council Chambers at Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah. Collectively, this organization represents approximately 200,000 Indians and is one of the oldest and most credible Indian organizations in the United States.

Wilma Mankiller, newly appointed Principal Chief of the Cherokees, was elected President for the 1986 term. Choctaw Principal Chief Hollis Roberts served as last year's president and made the nomination for Mankiller. Chickasaw Lt. Governor Bill Anoutubby was elected Vice-President and Jennie Ross, Seminole, was elected Treasurer. Bertrum Bobb, Choctaw, was elected Chaplin. Chief Mankiller selected Etta Conner, Creek, to remain as the recording secretary.

A presentation was made by Steve Wilson, Creek Nation, in behalf of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging. Wilson related the need for some input on behalf of the Indian tribes into federal and state programs for the elderly. He said the state and federal reports did not reflect unmet needs of Indian elderly. As a result the Inter-tribal donated $2,500 to OICA.

Dan Burgess, Creek Nation Higher Education, made a presentation to Turner Bear for his achievements in the field of Indian Higher Education.

Dr. Bill Day of NEOSU came before the Council with a proposal to fund $33,500 for an art project that would create portraits of selected Native American leaders in Oklahoma; each of the five tribes would nominate two of their leaders to have portraits painted and place permanently in the Cherokee Museum. Two volunteer apprentice artists would be appointed by George Cochran to assist in the paintings. Chairman Roberts delegated Chief Mankiller, Chief Cox and Governor James to a committee to study the proposal.

Nine resolutions were approved by the council: (1) A resolution to support the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission urging the State of Oklahoma to support the OIAC and continue the needed service and support of Indian tribal governments and their tribal populations. (2) A resolution to support the Family Planning Programs for Indian women of child bearing age in the State of Oklahoma. There are 41,791 Indian women in the state that are of child-bearing age (15-49) and the Family Planning Program funded Title X on contract to the Indian Affairs Commission provides community outreach activities a complete void would exist. The resolution urges the State of Oklahoma to support this much needed family planning activities within the Indian

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Gospel Singing Set

There will be a Gospel Singing on February 15, 1986 at the Middle Creek No. 2, Holdenville,Oklahoma.

M.C. will be Robert Jones, Muscogee Sounds, Muskogee, Oklahoma. Everybody welcome to come and share singing praises to the Lord, testimonies and fellowship one with another.

Singing will begin 7:00 p.m. There will also be food sale to benefit the church.

Muscogee Nation News

The Muscogee Nation News is a montly publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma in the Creek Nation Complex. The office of the MNN is located in the Tribal Mound Building at the Complex.

The purpose of this newsletter is to act as the official publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and to meet any possible need of the Creek Nation that is possible through news coverage.

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Deadlines for submission is the Friday prior to the first full week of the meeting of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Any submission must be brought by the MNN office during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

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LETTERS. . .

TO THE EDITOR:

The recent conclusion of litigation in District Federal Court reaffirmed the sovereignty of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. It should give us satisfaction that a judge saw fit to command that the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the Tulsa District Attorney honor treaties and promises made to the Creek people.

This battle was won, however, the fight has just begun. As in the past, there will always be a battle to protect our very existence as a people. The price of continued sovereignty will not be a small one. We must continue our vigilance and be prepared to insist that those treaties and promises be honored no matter how financially troubled the state becomes. We must be ever watchful of those persons who would, through the pretense of so called "civic duty", advocate not only economic but cultural and social genocide of all Indian people and their goverments.

The arrogance of the uninformed, displayed during the court proceedings, revealed an ardent hostility toward our people because we exercised the rights guaranteed to Indian tribes by the United States government while it was perpetrating the most scandalous land transaction in history.

I am sure that there will be future attempts to erode the sovereignty of our nation and our right to exist and be responsible for our own destiny. We must now unite and set aside our personal jealousies, face our responsibilities in a common challenge to develop economically, culturally and socially to provide for our young and old; all Muscogee people. Yes, the price is high, sacrifice of time, effort and personal differences to act as a unified people in designing the future for our children and their children's children. Failure to accomplish this simple goal will lend truth to those words pictured by an Indian artist "AND WE WILL BE NO MORE".

SINCERELY,
NELSON C. JOHNSON
TULSA, OKLAHOMA

DEAR CREEK NATION:

I am reaching out to you for help. I am an 1/4 Creek Senior at the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma majoring in art. I wish to dedicate a series of silk screens and pottery based on the Creek way of life past and present. I hope to obtain two goals by doing this. First, to help preserve the history of my people, second, to educate the public and myself more about the Creek Nation.

I have exhausted all my resources in Lawton, Chickasha and Duncan, Oklahoma, trying to find information such as, different songs, ceremonial dress,(male and female) and children stories.

I want to be truthful and honest; I know nothing about the Creek Nation. Please help me accomplish this task by sending to me pictures, stories,or anything that would be of help to me as soon as possible. I will be more than greatful for your help. Please write to: Susie Russell, U.S.A.O. Box 2331 Chickasha,Oklahoma 73018

Letter to Creek Nation:

Steve Wilson,

We of the Okemah Indian Community, wish to thank you and those involved in providing a turkey for our Christmas Dinner which was held at the local National Guard Armory here in Okemah on Saturday, December 14. We had a total of 26 parents and children attend the dinner which was the ususal Christmas food with an extra supply of cakes and pies. Thank you once again for making this possible.

Sincerely, Christine Burgess
Okemah Community Secretary

DEAR MS. CHALAKEE:

I hope this letter finds you doing well, also everyone in the Creek Nation. I assist with the newsletter of the Only Way Indian Baptist Church located near Keota. I enjoy reading your newspaper very much. It is the most informative tribal paper I have ever read. I look forward to reading the inspirational "Letters From The Reverend Ernest Best". Many times I have wished to share these "letters" with church members and friends. Would you consider giving our newsletter reprint permission for these articles? Any assistance that you offer will be most appreciated.

Congratulations on your recent victory with the Bingo situation. It is very sad that a person in the position of District Attorney, David Moss, would find a means to add to the hardships of a people that has known much weariness. With future county/state elections, let us pray that the INDIAN VOICE and VOTE will be heard, again, the Creek tribe have a great paper and I will look forward to hearing from you.

SINCERELY,
C. SUE PATTON
KEOTA, OKLAHOMA

TULSA DISTRICT 1986 Meeting Dates

Irene J. Cleghorn
Tulsa District Representative
Phone 918/592-0001

Tulsa District meetings will be held the third Monday evening of each month at the East Second Library, 2537 East 2nd. Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

1. January 20, 1986
2. February 17, 1986
3. April 21, 1986
3. March 17, 1986
4. April 21, 1985
5. May 19, 1986
6. June 16, 1986
7. July 21, 1986
8. August 18, 1986
9. September 15, 1986
10. October 20, 1986
11. November 17, 1986
12. December 15, 1986

-NOTICE-

Yardeka Indian Community

Located two miles south of Salem Church
Invites Everyone to a

VALENTINE DINNER

February 15 at 12 Noon

Y.I.C. meets the 1st Monday of each month

Job Opportunities Creek Nation bingo

Creek Indian Preference Given

Creek Nation Bingo has part-time vacancies for cashiers, sales clerks and servers (waiters and waitresses). Cash handling experience preferred, but not a requirement. Apply at Creek Nation Bingo, 1616 E. 81st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - Noon. 918/299-8518.

CARD OF THANKS

In memory of my Mother and Grandmother, Ella Hawkins, we wish to thank you for the kind words that were spoken in our sorrow. Thanks for the flowers and food. Thanks to Chief Cox and staff, Social Services, Steve Wilson's program, Community Health Representatives, Creek Nation Rodeo Club and Creek Nation Riding Club; also, Dr. D'Angelo and nurses in C.C.U. at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. May God bless you.

Evelyn and Douglas Parker and family, Eloise, David and Rusty Perkins; Stefanie Tarpalechee and Delana Waller.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this means of expressing our thanks and appreciation to the many wonderful people for their acts of kindness extended to us during the loss of our loved one. *We would especially like to* thank Rev. Daniel Phillips Jr., Rev. Gary Hawkins and Rev. Roley Haynes for their services, Little Coweta Indian Church Singers, Tuskegee Indian Church Singers, and Trenton Indian Church for their services. Also the pallbearers for their help. We also want to thank everyone for their prayers, food, flowers, phone calls, visits and the many other acts of kindness.

We especially want to thank all the departments at Creek Nation for their many acts of concern.

Thank you and may God Bless each of You.

The Joe Floyd Family

Asks Help...

To Col. William Robinson Clan-

Aunt Stella (Mrs. Tommy) Robinson, Paden, Oklahoma. 74860 is very ill, and she needs letters and cards NOW!! and please! she would appreciate it.
Ethel Coleman Torres
Weleetka, Okla 74880

Fund-Raising Dinner...

The Oklahoma City Muscogee Association invites everyone to their first fund raising dinner. The menu will be: Indian tacos, Desert, Drinks (including sofky). Adults $3.00, children $1.50.

The Dinner will be Feb. 7, 1986 beginning at 6:00p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Native American Center, 2900 S. Harvey, Oklahoma City.

Inter-tribal

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communities. (3) A Resolution in support of BIA Higher Education and Adult Education supporting and indirect cost rate for these programs that is above the amount allocated to the tribes for these services. 100 to 125 more students could be served with additional indirect costs added to the budget. (4) A Resolution in support of Johnson O' Malley Indirect costs which is above the formula designated for the Tribes. Currently indirect costs deducted from direct cost reduce the amount of funding available to the schools for educational programs. (5) A Resolution supporting a Johnson O'Malley allocation based upon an equitable distribution of funds. The currently BIA proposed revision of the distribution formula would require Indian tribes in the lower 48 states to take a political posture in opposition to the Alaskan Natives based upon economic making it possible for the Alaskan Natives to fully control the outcome of the vote although only 12 per cent of the total eligible JOM students reside in Alaska.

A Resolution to protect Indian Housing units subject to recapture by HUD under the Gramm-Rudman Budget Balancing Plan. Gramm-Rudman balanced budget amendment would make all Indian housing units not under contract obligation subject to recapture by HUD. President Reagan has signed an appropriations bill which included funds for 2,000 new units of Indian housing. A recapture of units would adversly affect hundreds of Indian families in Eastern Oklahoma whose housing needs have been identified and for which funds have already been appropriated.

(7) A Resolution supporting the Advisory Council for Oklahoma JTPA Grantees. This resolution provides support of a statewide mechanism for all Oklahoma Indian JTPA Grantees to gather and share information as the relate to the needs of these grantees in the areas of employment and training.

(8) A Resolution in support and endorsement of Oklahoma JTPA Programs having a representative on the National Ad-Hoc and Advisory Committees. The Oklahoma Indian Grantees should be given as much consideration as have been given to Alaskan Natives in regards to their having representation on Nation Indian Ad-Hoc and advisory work groups and this appointment should be taken from Indian tribes within the State of Oklahoma who have been approved as Indian JTPA grantees.

(9) A Resolution in support of Indian Representation to JTPA to speak on behalf of Indian programs in reference to advisory committees and Ad-Hoc committees.

The next Inter-tribal meeting is scheduled for April 11 and will be co-hosted by the Creeks and Seminoles. A location has not been determined at this time. More information is available about the Inter-Tribal Council from Etta Conner, recording Secretary, 918-756-8700.

Census Reports Now Available

The first of two reports presenting information gathered in the 1980 census on a supplementary questionnaire for American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts living on Eskimos and Aleuts living on reservations and in certain parts of Oklahoma has been issued by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

Data from the regular 1980 census questionnaires were published earlier, covering all American Indians, Eskimos and Aleuts in the United States.

Additional statistics include tribal enrollment, place of residence one year earlier, year moved onto reservation, health service received, usual source of health care and travel time to it, health care payment, main reason for not working a full year in 1979, types of benefits received in 1979, electric lighting, and flooring and exterior wall materials.

In addition, several questions from the regular questionnaire were expanded on the supplementary questionnaire. The report covers reservations identified for the 1980 census, historic Indian areas in Oklahoma (excluding urbanized portions), tribal governments and selected tribe of Oklahoma. Reservations are shown by selected states, regions, divisions, and Standard Federal Administrative Regions. Data for American Indian by tribe also are shown for reservations.

The supplementary questionnaire was developed by the Census Bureau in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget Task Force on Indian Census and tribal on Indian Census and tribal governments. Copies of American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts on Identified Reservations and in Historic Areas of Oklahoma (Excluding Urbanized Areas) PC80-2-1D, Part 1, are available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.

28 Members Seated In National Council

Twenty-eight Muscogee National Council members were installed on January 11. Carney Roberts was elected to serve as the council speaker. Roberts also served in that capacity last term. The council then elected Kenneth Childers as Second Speaker and Joe Fox for Sergeant-at-Arms. Regular scheduled meetings are set for the last Saturday in each month. For committee meetings, community meetings, planning sessions and other pertinant information concerning tribal legislation contact your district representatives. **(See Photos On Page 5)**

WILD ONION DINNER

Little Cussetah Methodist Church
MARCH 1
3:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Adults $3.50
Children $2.00
SINGING AT 7:30 P.M.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

Muscogee (Creek) Nation State of the Nation Address

Presented by Principal Chief Claude Cox on January 11, 1986

I welcome the opportunity to speak to you today about the state of the Muscogee Nation. Each year as I prepare for the annual address, I reflect over the past year and am reminded of all the exciting events that has happened to our tribe.

To take a year at a glance is hardly an accurate account because where we now are has been a gradual year after year effort. A combination of time and hard work. If the ground work for some of the things going on now had not been laid out years ago, we could not benefit from the Creek Nation Hospital and our other medical facilities, or provide school clothes to our children, or sewer and water grants to our Creek churches from tribal funds.

We have had our political ups and downs this past year with a series of tribal elections. Hopefully, all that will soon be resolved. As a result of the Constitutional Amendment election, today we will install twenty-eight council members. This is going to be a great strain on our tribal funds, but with the cooperation of everyone involved we can make a go of it!

Two new community centers were opened this year. One for Muskogee and the other at Bristow. The Bristow Community decided to open a Bingo Hall in their facility and the already thriving Okmulgee Community opened a Smoke Shop. Both businesses are an example of our tribal sovereignty at work.

After six months of litigation, we recently won a federal court case that not only will affect us and open doors for our tribe, but has affected almost every tribe in Oklahoma and across the United States. The judge's decision was our assumption all along, that we as a sovereign nation, under the trust responsibility of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, have the right to conduct our business as we see fit.

First and foremost, we must recognize that our tribal sovereignty means using tribal powers to improve the quality of life for our Creek citizens. We must define the potential for accomplishing tribal growth and put that potential to work through the development and implementation of tribal policy. If ever there was a time for full cooperation, it is now. Serious problems complicating tribal activities are non-Indian backlash and federal budget cuts. Both these problems stem outside the tribe. We need to unite within and stand our ground. We need to all be going in the same direction, toward protecting the future of our people and the preservation of our cultural heritage.

It is time to put Indian law to work for our tribe; to put tribal sovereignty to work by using our tribal powers to control our destiny. The new council has a very important task before them in establishing policies for our tribe that cannot be preempted by state law and will safeguard our future existence as an Indian Nation.

In closing, I want to announce for the fourth straight year that we have received another Financial Conformance Reporting award. No other Indian tribe in America has received these honors. We must be doing something right, somewhere!

Congress Votes to Eliminate Quarter Blood Quantum. . .

Both houses of Congress have passed legislation removing a 1918 provision that only persons who are at least one-quarter Indian by blood quantum could attend Bureau of Indian Affairs schools. Under the new legislation, students could qualify to attend federal Indian schools either by virtue of possessing one-quarter degree Indian blood or by being members of a federally recognized tribe. The new law also allows children of BIA or Indian Health Service employees who work on the reservation to attend schools near their homes. Congressman Dale Kildee said the legislation resolves a "small but important problem which threatens the ability of about 900 students to continue attending federal Indian schools." He noted that these students had been attending the federal schools and that the 1918 provision had generally been ignored. The bill will become effective when signed by the President.

O.M.B. Directs Federal Agencies to Reduce Spending. . .

The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has directed federal non-defense agencies to reduce 1986 spending by 4.3 percent to comply with the requirements of the Gramm-Rudman act and the national effort to limit the deficit spending.

For the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which received a 1986 appropriation of $1,0002 billion, the reduction would be $43,314,000 spread across all the programs. These cuts must be made within the balance of the fiscal year which ends September 30, 1986.

OKMULGEE CREEK NATION HEADSTART STUDENTS DISPLAY CHILDISH CURIOSITY AND CONCENTRATION as their attention is directed toward teacher Paul Harjo, who teaches them the intricate process of working a puzzle. Pictured are (left to right) Paul Harjo, Teacher, with students Jessica Landers, Brandon Berryhill, Melanie Edwards and Seth Wahnee.

CN Headstart Opens Fourth Center in Okmulgee

By Kathryn Bell

The Okmulgee Creek Nation Headstart formally opened January 13 at the Tribal Complex in the former Health Clinic Building. "The Okmulgee site is the fourth center to open since the beginning of the Creek Nation Headstart program in 1979," announced Director Janet Lynn. Other centers are located at Eufaula, Yeager, and Sapulpa. The combined enrollment of all the centers is 182.

The Center opened with a waiting list and full enrollment of 18 students, ages 3-5. Center hours presently are 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. beginning February 3, the center will open full days from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

Staffing the Center are Paul Harjo, teacher, and teachers aides, Dinah Mitchell and Karen Calloway.

Transportation is provided by the Creek Nation buses to students residing within the Okmulgee city limits. For further information on the Okmulgee Center, contact Phyliss St.John, Educational Coordinator at 756-8700 ext. 337.

Observing it's eighth year of successful operation, the Creek Nation Headstart Program has had a significant impact on the education of the Indian children it serves because of these outstanding efforts, the program has received commendation and praise-as evidenced by some of the comments made from professionals that have been involved with the program since its inception:

"In my observation of the day-to-day operation of the Yeager Headstart Program and in comparison with other preschool programs, it is my opinion that the Yeager Program of the Creek Nation Headstart school is one of the best in this area. . ."

John Spaulding, Ph.D.
Clinical Psychologist

"The Creek Nation Headstart Program in Eufaula is excellent, it benefits greatly the individual child in our school system. The program is well-coordinated with the public school so a child leaving Headstart and coming into kindergarten is usually able to excel in the curriculum. In the eight years that I've taught kindergarten in Eufaula, I have not retained any child who has been through the Headstart program. This really speaks for itself. . ."

Sandra Harris
Kindergarten Teacher
Eufaula Public Schools

"As Public health Nurse, I have worked with the Creek Nation Headstart (Eufaula) since it started. I have seen through the years as public health nurse, the need for this service for handicapped, low-income and Indian children. Working with health screening programs for these children I have found children with nutritional and handicapped conditions that would not have been noticed until later life or until the condition became severe. This program has definitely been a big plus for McIntosh County. . ."

Janie Cloud, RN
Senior Nurse
McIntosh County Health Dept.

"The Headstart School at Yeager will benefit Holdenville and surrounding communities in helping shape the lives and thinking of these youngsters who will become law abiding citizens with concerns for sustaining community growth. . ."

Kim Sommerfeld, CHN
Wewoka IHS Clinic

As these commendations illustrate, the Headstart programs which were implemented by Creek Nation as an administrative priority to provide a comprehensive educational system to educate both the young and old has benefited the children it serves by providing them with an education and social boost toward school readiness. "Creek Nation admininstration felt the the implementation of the Head Start could reverse the trend that public education, according to educators, tended to alienate Indian children." said Janet Lynn.

All of the Creek Nation Headstart Centers operate under the guidelines of providing early educational experiences to the following; low-income Indian children, ages four and five who will not be eligible for kindergarten, handicapped children, low-income non-Indian children and over-income children.

The centers provide a curriculum that includes educational programs in the areas of language development, cognitive skills, gross and fine motor development, self-help skills and social and emotional skills. In addition, health services are provided to the children-with health and dental screening and follow-up. "One of the most important aspects of Headstart is the health and nutritional services the children receive at our centers. Two-thirds of the child's daily nutritional needs are met by the program," Said Ms. Lynn.

The policy-making body of the Headstart Program is the Parent Policy Committee and each center has a Parent Committee. Lynn sees this as vital to the success of the programs-" "We are not just serving children, we are educating the parents as well-parents are the prime educators and we aren't taking the responsibility of educating the children from their parents, but we are rather, working hand-in-hand with them so that they can continue to be effective in their role as educators of their own children. We greatly appreciate the support our parents have given to each centers program."

ALLISON MANNQN celebrated her second birthday on November 18 with cake and ice cream and her grandparents at her home in Henryetta. Allison's mom is Marie Mannon, a teacher at Ryal Public School.

Kellyville Indian Community...

By Daisy Harris

A Christmas dinner was enjoyed by the Kellyville Indian Community on Wednesday, December 18, 1985. The turkey was furnished by Chief Cox, and the families attending brought a covered dish. A big thank you in appreciation is extended to Chief Cox from all of us.

The December meeting of Kellyville Indian Community was a Christmas party for the children. Every child at the party received a gift. The gifts were furnished by Rick Rowe of Rahway, New Jersey. About 40 were present to enjoy the hot dogs and the other refreshments.

The float entered by the community placed second in the Kellyville Christmas Parade on December 14,. The prize money for second place was $25. The contestants on the float were Bessie Cahwee, Jenice Felix, Bill Harris Irene Parkinson, Lou Watashe and her children. Amos Felix was the driver. The posters on the float were prepared by Bill Harris and Harold English.

Daisy Harris was honored at the First United Methodist Church, Kellyville. On Sunday, November 24, a fellowship dinner followed the morning service commemorating her 52 years of faithful service in teaching Sunday School. Her children are Martha Jo Burris of Sapulpa, Bill Harris of Kellyville, Ruth Traynor of Kellyville and Phyllis Burris of Doniphan, Missouri.

Wind Is Student of the Month at Henryetta High School

Willie Wind, freshman, son of Daniel and Anna Wind of Henryetta was selected as the Student of the Month for January at Henryetta Jr. High. Wind is a 4.0 student as well as an athlete on the football, basketball and track team. His hobbies include jogging, video games and art. Wind is a member of the Yardeka Indian Baptist Church and President of their youth group, he is active in soul-winning. Wind is the guest of the Lion's Club.

New National Council Members Sworn In...

CREEK DISTRICT--(l-r) Betty Foster, Earl Wheeler, Delbert Dunn, and Roy Bear.

OKFUSKEE DISTRICT--(l-r) Clyde Johnson, Dorothy Miller and Carney Roberts.

WAGONER DISTRICT--(l-r) Thurston Mickey Primeaux and Alexander Thomas.

HUGHES DISTRICT--(l-r) Jonas Dunson, Robert Buck and Johnson Buck.

McINTOSH DISTRICT--(l-r) Daniel Barnett, Joe Fox, Frank Kamp and Sandy McIntosh.

MUSKOGEE DISTRICT--(l-r) Helen Chupco and Harley Little.

OKMULGEE DISTRICT--(l-r) Barton Williams, Leah Stacy, Richard Larney, Anthony Hale, and Robert Hardridge.

TULSA DISTRICT--(l-r) Larry Bible, Jerry Wilson, Kenneth Childers, Irene Cleghorn, and Patricia Clark.

The last Dathebotha

By Jonas Dunson

Dathbotha is the phonetic of the Creek spelling TVLE PORV, meaning a stickball game between two tribal towns. Mr. Dunson actually attended this stickball game when he was a child. Today Jonas Dunson is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council representing Hughes District. He related he had reviewed this story with several tribal members who were also in attendance and that they authenticated his account of this historical day.

The year was 1931. The stock market had crashed on Wall Street. Men of wealth suddenly found their paper empire had crumbled and they were penniless. Men of affluence were committing suicide, marriages were breaking up and bread and soup lines were seen in every city. National chaos was rampant.

The Creek Indians who were called to fight in World War I were just beginning to reestablish their lives and being assimilated into the tribal customs and traditions they had left a few years previous.

The white farmers of Oklahoma were making an exodus to California. The babies born that year first three words were Mama, Daddy and Bakersfield. Depression was a word that started in 1929 and would be used for a decade.

The Creek Indians had become restless because the depression had threatened their tribal customs. In the Creek Nation there were 44 tribal towns, some were big and some were small. Tuckabutchee Tribal Town was considered the Mother (Itchkee) of all the tribal towns. The other 43 tribal towns were daughters of Tuckabutchee.

As time passed, some of the Indians separated from the mother town and established their own towns. Each band adopted a name and appointed their own Chief (Micco) and became independent of the mother tribal town.

All the children born by women of a certain tribal town became members of that town for life. The warriors and the women of the tribal towns were ingrained with a fierce pride in their tribal towns by the oratory of the Micco's spokesman (Ambunayah). The tribal town hierarchy consisted of the Micco (Chief) and the Henneha (Vice Chief), the Ambunayah (Spokesman) and four members (Tustanagee). This group comprised the town council.

In the month of July, the weather was extremely hot and dry, adding to the restlesness of the tribe. The desire for action was being felt by some of the tribal towns. The Alabama Quarssate Tribal Town held a stomp dance that lasted for three days. The Micco, Legus Harjo and the Henneha, Unah Hobia, noted that they had many warriors with excellent physical attributes plus a very good Helishiyah (Medicine Man), John Artussee who by custom wished to remain annoymous. The council met to make plans for the tribal town. They came to a decision to challenge another tribal town to a stickball game (Dathbotha). The Ambunayah, Wueksee Harjo, made the decision of the council known to the town with a fiery speech that raised emotions to a feverish pitch.

The Micco and the Henneha heard that Thlopthlocco Tribal Town was in camp in preparation for a stomp dance. They went to the stomp ground (cuke thocee) and challenged them to a stickball game (dathebotha). This was done by placing one ball stick (deegunhee) at the feet of the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town Micco.

Thlopthlocco Micco, Samsaogee Scott, and his council met and after much thought and discussion decided that these two tribal towns had been firendly for many years and that many of his warriors had married Alabama Quarssate women, so he declined the challenge.

The Thlopthlocco Tribal Town said they would support Alabama Quarssate if they should challenge any other tribal town, with the exception of Tuckabutchee.

Many years before, the Tribal Town of Weogufkee had beat Alabama Quarssate in a dathabotha which was also challenged by laying a doegunhee at their Micco's feet.

The Weogufkee Micco informed the Alabama Quarssate Micco that his reply would be forthcoming. The Alabama Quarssate Micco went back into this cuke thocco and awaited the reply from the Micco of Weogufkee. In ten days, the doegunhee was brought to the Alabama Quarssate cuke thocco and laid at the Micco's feet, indicating that the challenge was accepted. The two Miccos decided to hold a conference the latter part of July to finalize the arrangements of the dathebotha.

Within hours, the Creek Nation knew of the challenge and the acceptance. The tribal towns of the same fire were alerted to the upcoming meetings between the Miccos of Alabama Quarssate and Weogufkee.

They met amid all the traditional pomp and ceremony that accompanies such a meeting. The two Miccos approached their meeting all the majesty and dignity befitting the leaders of two of the Creek Nation's largest and most powerful tribal towns.

There was no hurrying or impulsive notions about the rules and regulations. There were to be twenty-six players on each side (only tribal town members could participate). The balls (pocco) were to be furnished by Thlopthlocco. They agreed on the man to throw the pocco up to begin the game. They selected a location south and a little west of Dustin called Big Prairie for the game site. The game time was to be a 2:00 on September 7. Every facet of the upcoming dathebotha was covered. Each Micco had their own Ambunayah, who excelled in oratory, to convey the Micco's message to the two tribal town councils. At sundown, the two tribal town councils adjourned. Word spread rapidly throughout the Creek Nation of the outcome of this historic meeting.

When Alabama Quarssate council returned to the cuke thlocco, the warriors and the women had already began preparation for the game.

For the first few days, warriors from all parts of the Creek Nation began to arrive with their doegunhees, breech cloths, feathers and in some cases the decorated tail of a mountain lion.

The Helishiyah made a great amount of medicine, enough for several days. The warriors, women and children took the medicine all day. The same medicine was used for bathing and the washing of faces.

They danced at night for recreation and to give them endurance and stamina. The days were spent gathering wood for the fire and hauling water for the cooks. At night, the men were not allowed to talk to the women, there was very little joking or frivelous talk.

The order of the day was obedience. This order of the Micco was conveyed to the people by the Micco's Ambunayah, and the answer to the message was always "HO". The Micco had officers to see that all the old tribal customs were followed to the letter. The Helishiyah made medicine to apply to the doegunhee, breech cloth, feathers and all the things pertaining to the dathebotha. The medicine was so powerful, that it was told, reptiles, insects and small animals died by merely nearing the medicine.

The tribal town supporters, white and Indian, brought meat and other food to the cuke thocco with no thought of payment.

About a week before the game, the Alabama Quarssate moved a few miles closer to the game site and preparations went on as before.

In other parts of Creek Nation, Indians were getting ready in other ways for the game. The poccos to be used in the game were being made by two men from Thlopthlocco Tribal Town. Dan Wesley and Johnson Albert were the two men to make the poccos for the game. They were made by skinning live squirrels for the covering and filling them with a substance called fuswa emmeka.

My Dad and Grandad began to be nice to Mother and Grandma, hoping they be allowed to go to the game. Mother was agreeable, but Grandma who knew about dathebothas did not want Grampa to go. To complicate things, Grandma owned the only car in our family. So while Dad and Grandpa were engaging her in a conversation, two of us grandsons and another man pushed the 1929 Model Ford down the road until it was out of sight. After a short interval, Dad and Granpa came running down the road to the car and were off to Alabama Quarssate cuke thocco.

We were there a week early, but we were furnished plenty of food and the excitment was so great that we didn't worry about the womenfolks too long.

All over the Creek Nation, horses were being groomed, clothes were being washed and wagons were being pulled into ponds to soak the wheels so the rims would not come off.

Alabama Quarssate moved two more times and the last move was almost to the site of the game. The morning of the game dawned bright and cloudless and the cuke thocco was tingling with excitment. The women cooked an early breakfast. The Micco, the Helishiyah and the Henneha went into the woods to see if their medicine was strong enough. This was done by placing two pieces of wood into a container of still water. They put these two pieces of wood, helis hutke, in each end of the container and the pieces would go together and one would push the other to the opposite end.

The first time indicated their medicine was not strong enough, so they took more medicine. The next time they tried it, they were satisfied with the results.

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The cooks served an early lunch to so many people that it was impossible to count them. After lunch, the Micco and the Henneha began to pick the twenty-six men to play in the game. As they were selected, the Ambunayah made the announcement. Every man there was anxious for his name to be called.

There are five division in the dathebotha: forwards (safuloe), middle ground (nutheuptockhaga), center (nuthcuppa), another middle ground, then the guards (fulagee). The Micco and Henneha picked players according to his ability to play in each division. When a player was picked, he let out a loud whoop and took his place in the division for which he was chosen. Four men were chosen to cut the poles and put up the goal when the two teams appeared on the field.

People from all over the Creek Nation

At seven o'clock that morning, people from all over Creek Nation had began to gather at the game site. They were on both sides of the playing field. When noon came, cars and wagons were lined up for seven miles in each direction. Just before the game, people were standing about ten deep on the sidelines. Old timers now estimate this was the largest crowd to ever witness a dathebotha.

As the time for the game neared, all the men in the Alabama Quarssate camp were required to streak black marks across their faces to indicate which side they were on. When the Ambunayah spoke all the players that were picked rose as one and gathered their doegunhees and began to walk toward the playing field. The men who had been chosen to put up the goal, quickly dug the holes and lifted the goal in place. The Micco, the Henneha, the Helishiyah and the Ambunaya's led all the players in traditional Creek war dance.
players in traditional Creek war dance (Yaukidda or Yaukee).

The Weogufkee team were dancing the same dance around their pole on the other end of the field. When this dance was over, the two teams advanced to the center of the field and laid down their doegunhees directly across from the opposing player.

The two men designated to throw up the pocco and their helper walked down the rows of doegunhees to make sure that each team had the same number of players.

The excitment was so great that some

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Dathebotha

of the women fainted and had to be carried off. There was a short interval before the game started and people were betting blankets, shawls and quilts on the outcome of the game.

The Pocco Homalega began his speech, players started picking up their doegunhees; the air was so electrified that the only sound audible was the voice of the Pocco Homalega. When the pocco was thrown up, there was a great clatter of doegunhees and a great cheer went up.

The spectators urged their players to get the ball and to throw it through the goal. Cries of fulagee!. . .fulagee! and safulee!. . .safulee! filled the air.

Alabama Quarssate got the pocco and after a brief skirmish made the first score; making two more scores in short order.

When the Homalega threw up the fourth pocco, a fight broke out in the nuthcuptockhaga and quickly spread over the entire field. At first, there was an effort to stop the fighting, but seeing it was hopeless, the spectators joined in the fighting.

Alabama Quarssate, confident their medicine was stronger, drove the Weogufkees back past their goal. With the victory assured, the Alabama Quarssate Tribal town engaged in the victory dance around the goal post. The Micco, through his Ambunayah, ordered all the players bathed in the medicine and wash all their paraphernalia, this was a precaution against infection from the cuts and bruises.

In a stirring speech, the Ambunayah praised the players for thier courage and valor in the battle. At midnight the Victory Dance started and they danced until daylight. When the sun began to rise the final dance was started called the Bunga Chullee. The dathebotha was over.

A generation has gone by. Only a few of the Indians living back in those times remember this epic dathebotha. There are only two men living today who played on the side of Alabama Quarssate. They talk of this dathebothe quietly, with pride and something shinning in their eyes as they recall the valiant warriors who stood by their side.

In 1980, Alabama Quarssate Micco and his council went to the Weogufkee Tribal Town and offered their hand in friendship; all the bad feelings and grudges were forgotten. Peace exists between these two great tribal towns.

Alabama Quarssate still Yaukee in an easternly direction; a memorial to the last dathebotha.

Kanes Announce Birth

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kane announce the birth of their second son third child whom they have named Douglas Ward was born, December 29, 1985 in Claremore. He weighed 6lbs 14 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches in length. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willie Joe Mosquit and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kane all of Mounds Okla.

The great-great-grand child of Kenneth and Jesse Frisbie Bixby Okla. Great-grand child of George and Phillis Nesbitt, Bixby Oklahoma. The great-great-great-grandson of the late Lou McManus, Bixby Okla, and the late George Berryhill, Okmulgee, Okla.
Brother Patrish Kane
Sister Audrie Erron

OFIW To Hold Benefit Pow Wow

The Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women will hold their 1986 Benefit Pow-Wow and crowning of 1986 Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma on March 8, 1986, at the Oklahoma City State Fair Grounds, "Old International Building", in Oklahoma City.

Gourd dancing begins at 1:00 p.m., the Host Gourd Dance Society will be Oklahoma Inter-Tribal Veterans and Auxiliary, Head Man Gourd Dancer, Im Ramsey, Indian Oklahoma Head Singer, Berkey Monoessey.

Contest Registration closes at 7:00 p.m. for Men's traditional by Bartlesville Indian Womens club, ladies (combined) by Leslie Barichello, 1984 Miss Indian Oklahoma.

The parade will start at 7:00 p.m. with Sammy "Tonekei" White as M.C., Head Man Fancy Dancer, Mike Pahsetopah, Head Lady, Audrey Barnett current 1985 Miss Indian Oklahoma, Arena Directors, James Powell and Tom Morgan. Honored Guests, Karen Ahhaitty, 1985 Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma and Oklahoma Indian Education Programs.

You may contact the Director: Shirley Wapskineh, 515 S.E. 45th Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73129, (405) 632-5227

Jo Hill

Creek Receives Award In Professional Health

Jo Hill, a Creek , New Mexico State University health science professor, has received the Dr. Ella May Small Professional Award from the New Mexico School Health Association for her distinguished leadership and service toward the advancement of health education.

The award was established in 1976. This is only the second time the honor has been awarded.

Ms. Hill teaches safety education, personal health, advanced first aid emergency care methods in health education, consumer health and several courses in gerentology. She graduated from Alamogordo High School and is a member of the Creek Indian Nation.

Celia Freeman Berryhill (right) and Polly Homa (left) two original Creek allottees enjoy a birthday celebration for Celia.

Celia Berryhill Celebrates 96th Birthday

Celia Freeman Berryhill, 4/4 Creek was honored with a birthday dinner to celebrate her 96th birthday, by the congregation of New Town Methodist Church and her family and friends.

Mrs. Berryhill enjoyed the afternoon dinner and visiting with old friends. Tribute was paid to her by her daughter, Hepsey Berryhill Freeman, making mention that Celia was widowed and left with seven children during the depression years, but she still to this day owns her original allotted land. Polly Homa dedicated and led the congregation in a Creek hymn to Mrs. Berryhill.

Celia was born in 1890 the daughter of John Freeman and Hattie Checotah. She is the grand-daughter of Chief Samuel Checotah. She was married to Rev. Harrison Logan Berryhill at the age of 14. Harrison was one of the founders and builders of the New Town Methodist Church. They had nine children, four of which are still living. She has 23 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. She has been a life long resident of Okmulgee County, and member of the New Town.

Celia has been an inspiration to her family and to those that have known her. In recent years she has overcome several illnesses (a broken hip, eye surgery, pneumonia and a slight heart attack). She refuses to be confined to a bed or wheel chair. She gets around well with her walker and enjoys her trips to town.

Although she never learned to read, she enjoys listening to preaching and having the Bible read to her - her favorite scriptures are about Moses.

As her children and grandchildren reflect on their growing up years, the thing that was most prominent in her life was Church and serving the Lord in someway. We know that it is her trust and faith in God that has sustained her all these years. We thank Him for satisifying her with long life, and showing her His salvation. We love her and are very proud of her.

Claremore Implements No-Smoking Rule

CLAREMORE-The Indian hospital here has experienced few withdrawal pains since going to a non-smoking environment on January 1.

The hospital took on the no-smoking air as its New Year resolution in response to a mandate by Dr. Leland Fairbanks, director of the Office of Continuing Education of the Indian Health Service.

The mandate restricts patient and employee smoking to outdoors during breaks or mealtimes.

Claremore is just one of the state's 13 Indian hospitals to implement the no-smoking rule since last October.

Meribeth Reed, the hospital's community health nursing coordinator, said "generally everybody is going along with it real well."

She said there's been some "wisecracks" and a "couple of infractions", but overall the rule has been well accepted. "Even people who are not crazy about it are beginning to come around," she said.

Mrs. Reed said there may be some patients, employees or visitors that "cheat", but for the most part everyone has complied.

"We don't have any high falutin plans to come down on anyone." The hospital does not have the staff to police the halls, she said. Patients are not allowed to smoke in bed anyway for insurance reasons, she said.

The hospital has patients that "consume two quarts of alcohol a day and use drugs, but we don't allow them to have those in the hospital," she said. It's no different with patients who smoke, she said.

Patients able to get out of bed may try smoking in the restroom, but they would be reprimanded if found by a nurse, she said. Any infraction of the rule will be handled administratively on a case-by-case basis. It will probably result in a written reprimand, she said.

Yardeka Indian Baptist Receives CN Sewer and Water Grant to Improve Facilities

By Kathryn Bell

Yardeka Indian Baptist Church is one of twenty-two Indian churches within Creek Nation that has received Water and Sewer Grants from Creek Nation.

The grants, awarded by the Tribe's Community Development Program, were made available by National Council legislation to improve water and sewer facilities of churches and ceremonial grounds within the Nation. Many of the 70 Indian churches scattered throughout the eight counties of Creek Nation have inadequate water and waste disposal systems.

The work done at Yardeka under a grant of $11,050 includes installation of septic tanks and sewer lines and construction of bathrooms.

In addition, Yardeka Indian Baptist, with the help of their church building fund, was able to supplement the building of a 20'x32' structure that will serve as classrooms on the church grounds. Robert Taylor, Creek and his construction crew served as contractor on the church project which included the construction of the masonite classroom building. "A lot of times the churches will have a church building fund and along with this type of grant awarded by Creek Nation, the churches are able to supplement the building of other needed facilities, " said Steve Wilson, Manager of the CN Community Development Program. He continued, "this grant has put these churches ahead several years and is particularly important now that environmentalists and the state health department are taking a closer look at our churches to see if they meet all of the state's health regulations."

"This program is long overdue for our churches and we would like to express our appreciation to those who have contributed to the process of seeing this program implemented - the Chief, the National Council and those who drew up the plans for the project - they all saw the need for such a program that will benefit our churches and ceremonial grounds," concluded Wilson.

Bunny Hill, Pastor of Yardeka Indian Baptist, was pleased about the prospect of increased attendance to his church as a result of improved facilities and the addition of two new classrooms - "We are very glad to have the work completed at the church as a result of the grant. Now we feel that people will feel more comfortable about attending a country church," he said.

CONSTRUCTION ON THE BATHROOMS AT THE YARDEKA INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH, near Salem Community Church, nears completion as workman finishes up on the churches building project, a result of a CN Sewer and Water Grant that was awarded the church recently.

Court-Ordered Child Support Payments...

Difficulties in enforcing court-ordered child support payments have been identified as primary problems by various child advocate organizations throughout the nation. The concern is shared in Indian Country where several efforts have been undertaken to address the issue. They include:

* The National American Indian Court Clerk's Association (1000 Connecticut Avenue, NW, No. 401, Washington, D.C. 20036) has highlighted the topic in a recent training which addressed procedures for collecting and enforcing payment of child support. Representatives of the federal Office of Child Support Enforcement attended this December 10-12 session and spoke to the trainees.

*The Bureau of Indian Affairs has recently stepped up its wage witholding program through which it may automatically make deducations to the paychecks of any employee who has been shown habitually delinquent in making court-ordered child support payments. Such action by the Bureau's payroll office is possible through Title IV-D of the Social Security Act and other federal regulations.

Individuals who approach the BIA complaining of a Bureau employee who has been lax in his/her child support payments are encouraged to get in touch with a local Child Support Enforcement Agency. That Agency will outline what information is required from the complaint and, where warranted, will ask the employee to provide evidence to show that payments were made. If such evidence can not be produced, the Child Support Enforcement Agency will work with the Bureau to arrange witholding a portion of the employee's wages.

*In another Bureau effort, some attention has been given the problem in amendments proposed by the Department of the Interior to 25 CFR, the Code of Federal Regulations which provides rules for Courts of Indian offenses. In section 11.60, the proposed amendment offers the following:

> **An Indian commits a misdemeanor if he or she fails to provide support which he or she can provide and which he or she knows he or she is legally obligated to provide to a spouse, child, or other dependent.**

Section 11.85 (a.l) of the proposed amendments defines punishment for criminal offenses (which include misdemeanors) to allow up to a maxium of $500 fine or six months in jail.

*The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in North Dakota has a written agreement with the Rollette County Board of Social Services to cooperate regarding child support enforcement activities, initiated by Rollette County, on the reservation in behalf of children whose eligibility for AFDC is based on the continued absence of their parent from the home. The agreement states that Rollette County will provide (as it deems necessary and practical) staff, equipment, financial costs and training to tribal court and police personnel as required for enforcing a child support program on the reservation in uniformity with Title IV-D of the Social Security Act.

The agreement was originally entred in April 1981. A copy may be obtained from David Hickman, Division of Social Services, BIA, 1921 Constitution Ave, NW, Room 312-Code 450, Washington, D.C. 20245. Telephone (202) 343-6434.

Maggie Colbert

"Tiny Miss Gutherie"

Recently, Maggie Marie Colbert, 3 year old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Marty Colbert, was crowned "Tiny Miss Guthrie" for 1985.She will represent Guthrie in the State Pageant to be held this spring in Oklahoma City.

Maggie is the granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Colbert, Jr., Russell, Kansas and Mr. & Mrs. Duffy Martin, Guthrie. She is the great-granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jesse Colbert, Haskell, and Mrs. Victoria Edwards, Guthrie.

Castle Area News...

Christine Henneha

The "Harjo" family reunion of this past year 1985, had it's 30th year of reunion during Thanksgiving and Christmas. There are two different groups for this reunion now that we have in-laws and grandchildren, we have part of the family come at Thanksgiving and the other part came at Christmas. The "Harjo" family started with Tulsay Harjo whose children were Lizzie Harjo Robison, Melissa Harjo Tiger and Johnson J. Harjo. Now we are in the fifth generation which Melissa Harjo Tiger is still living, which she is the 5th generation. Mrs. Robison is 4th generation, also Johnson Harjo is 4th generation, all is still living. Our family usually average about 60 to 80 people at one time. Our reunion is held at the old home place of Tulsay Harjo where Melissa still lives. Our family now consists of "Henneha's, Tigers, Wolf, Butler, Harjo, Beaver, Littlecreek, McNac and Joshua's".

During our Christmas reunion our little children up to 10 years, thanks Chubby Anderson for all the Christmas toys he help provide for them through the "Toys from Rick".

I would like correction on the news from Castle area and Castle community. Castle area is the news I send in which I get all around our area. Castle Community is where Elnora Herrod is chairman and lives in the red house where the people get their commodities.

The family of Henneha lost a sister-in-law on January 5,1986, Shirley Ann (Coker) Henneha. Shirley was the wife of Charles Henneha they lived at Wewoka, Ok. She had two brothers and six sisters still living. Her interment was at the Coker Cemetery in Seminole.

EDITORIAL:
'It never has been easy being Indian, Mr. Swimmer'

Reprint From The Lakota Times
By Tim Giago "Notes From Indian Country"

The headline in the Sioux Falls Argus leader was kind of catchy. It read; "Official: Tribes shouldn't gamble on bingo." The argus staff had an ideal opportunity to do an indepth story on a complex issue that has been making national headlines thorughout most of 1985.

The opportunity was ideal because the newly appointed Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, Ross Swimmer, had just put his foot in his mouth. He made comments to the national media about a very difficult issue without knowing the facts. Swimmer admitted in the interview that he was making comments without the benefit of an indepth study.

Why anyone would make halfbaked, irresponsible comments about an issue vital to Indian country without knowing the full facts is beyond me.

Pontificating from his ivory tower in Washington, Swimmer said in his most paternalistic fashion, "Indian reservation bingo is the wrong kind of economic development because it doesn't encourage the work ethic."

Considering the unemployment rate on almost every reservation in the United States is 60 per cent or more, that has to be one of the most nihilistic comments ever uttered from the muddy banks of the Potomac.

The budget axe of the Reagan administration didn't just fall on the Indian reservations of America; it chopped and chopped until the social programs and the hopes of the future of most Indian tribes were left in useless shreds.

Desperate people do desperate things. When conditions become so bad as to be intolerable, survival becomes the sole motivating factor.

There isn't an Indian in the United States that believes Bingo and other forms of gambling is the cureall for the terrible hunger, poverty and disease afflicting the reservations. Most tribal leaders see it as a stop-gap measure. They know, only too well, that one does not repair a severed artery with a band-aid.

I would advise Mr. Swimmer to visit some of the Indian reservations that have performed small miracles with the aid of the money acquired through the bingo operations.

Many reservations have built gas stations, grocery stores and other business ventures on their lands emtirely from the funds made available through their gambling ventures. Scholarships have been provided for the young people seeking higher educations. The houses of the elders have been insulated and repaired. Clinics have been supplied with the medical supplies vital to the everyday needs of the very poor.

Bingo operations on Indian reservations were never intended to "encourage the work ethic", as Mr. Swimmer would have the unsuspecting general public believe. They were built to prevent the destruction of a race of people; the American Indian.

The Cherokees of North Carolina were criticized by Swimmer because they only netted $1 million from a $31 million gross. "That's not a good return," commented the $72,000 a year bureaucrat.

Maybe not, but it is $1 million more than the Cherokee Tribe would have had without the bingo operations, but it is still just a drop in the bucket when stacked up against the major cuts to the Indian tribal budgets. However, it is a lot better than rolling over and playing dead.

I would encourage Mr. Swimmer to get behind the efforts of the Indian tribes to survive. At this juncture in our history we do not need negative kibitzing from a man supposedly appointed to help us. There are enough organizations bent upon the termination of Indian tribes and the abrogation of our treaties that are doing their darndest without Ross Swimmer's help.

If the Bureau of Indian Affairs is so concerned about gambling in Indian Country, instead of making false statements and reckless accusations, it should be doing the job it was intended to do. It should be lending technical assistance to the tribes to ensure the success of the bingo operations.

Are the bureaucrats afraid that Indian tribes will become independent of the meddling and red tape if the bingo operations become too successful?

In his final comment to the Argus Leader, Swimmer responded to this question. Can the Bureau reform itself? He answered, "I quess I'll find out. Nobody ever told me this job would be easy."

Well, Mr. Swimmer, it never has been easy to be an Indian. It never has been easy to live in substandard housing, attend inferior schools, live on food stamps and commodities, be surrounded by the addicts of alcoholism and drugs, or to be dictated to by a faceless bureaucracy thousands of miles from the Indian reservations.

It never has been easy to see our young people dropping out of school or to see the dreadful diseases of alcoholism and diabetes racing unchecked through the Indian population.

It has never been easy for our Community Health Representatives to drive out in a raging blizzard, traveling on roads unpaved and ungraded, in the hopes of saving the life of an elder in desperate need of medication.

Yes, Mr. Swimmer; It isn't easy being an Indian. But if given another choice, most of us wouldn't change for all the money and luxuries in the world.

Yes, Mr. Swimmer: despite the albatross of an inept bureaucracy chained around our necks, we will survive, we will grow and we will prosper.

So don't sit in your ivory tower in Washington and pontificate. We don't want your criticisms; we want your help.

Creek Church Pioneer:

Rev. Roley Haynes, 86, Still "Pressing Toward The Mark..."

By Kathryn Bell

Rev. Roley Haynes, 86, has been a wonderful asset to the researching of early Creek churches that the CN Communications Dept., is currently involved with. His recollections and rememberances of the early practices of the Indian Baptist churches have been invaluable in collecting data to write the book on the Creek Church histories.

Rev. Haynes, who speaks fluent Creek, accompanied CN staff on many interviews with Creek elders, as interpreter.

Born at Stidham, OK, he and his family have lived in Weleetka since 1965. Ordained as a Baptist minister in 1927, the elder Haynes, who although is in his 80's, has never lost the zeal for his calling - "I have preached the Gospel all my life and I cannot retire - but when I do, that's the day I'll be on my way to a better place," he laughed. Nor is he afraid of losing his strength to carry out his mission. "My mind is made up - if I fall, I'll be in good hands."

Rev. Haynes account of early Indian Baptist church services with their typical Fourth Sunday Services of fasting, testimony, the handshaking ceremony and all night services, reflect Rev. Haynes clarity, fond rememberance and wistful longing for the old way of conducting services - a precious but vanishing way in modern day churches.

Rev. Haynes credits his call into the ministry to his mother, a women's leader in the Big Arbor Church near Eufaula, who died when Rev. Haynes was nine. He related that his mother's prayers, a dream and a vision he had of her changed the course of his life - "I had a dream of her - she came and called me to a place where she had prayed for me right close to a little house where she lived not long before she died. It was later on after she passed on that I had a vision of her. There was a great pile of leaves about three to four feet high. She moved all those leaves back and when she got them all moved out of the way, there was a rock just as white like it had been painted, and the prints of her knees were on that rock...there was water really clear, and she said "Here is where I shed my tears for you." That had something to do with my way of life, accepting the Lord. And when I came and accepted him as my Saviour, I could hear a voice in back speaking to me, "tell my Lord that I'm on my way.."

Serving the Lord has been a way of life for this remarkable man of God and we salute him - "The closer we can get to the Lord, the happier we are and then we can get close to one another..." spoke the Reverend softly. Good words to live by.

NOTE: This interview had been conducted several months earlier and since that time, we have learned that Rev.Haynes had been ill and was hospitalized. He is at home with wife, Sarah and is recuperating. If you would like to send a note of cheer, write him at 709 S. Kiowa, Weleetka, OK 74863.

THE REV. ROLEY HAYNES EMPHASIZES A POINT about the changing role of the Indian church during an interview with Rita Williams, CN Communications Dept. who is collecting data for the Department's book on Creek Church History.Rev Haynes has been invaluable in assisting in the research of the early Creek Baptist churches and we thank him for sharing o his wealth of knowledge about the early pioneering of our Creek churches.

OBITUARIES

DAVID LEE SCOTT

David Lee Scott, 70 year-old resident of Okmulgee, died Thursday, January 2 in a Tulsa hospital. Wake services were held the following Sunday evening at the First Indian Baptist Church. Funeral services were held January 6 at the church with Rev. Bridge Chuckluck, Jr. officiating. Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Mr. Scott was born October 11, 1915 in Dustin, Oklahoma and was an employee for 16 years at Oklahoma State University, Technical Branch, and a member of the First Indian Baptist Church. He was married to Betty Butler in March of 1971.

He is survived by his wife, Betty, of the home in Okmulgee; two stepsons, Bobby and Stanley Harjo, and two stepdaughters, Sonja Grimes and Thomasine Phillips, all of Okmulgee; a sister, Wanda Cricklin of Midwest City; and uncle, Thomas Washington of Okmulgee; several grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Pallbearers for the service were Earl Kelly, Matt Tiger, Kenneth Tiger, Bill Richards, Sandy Roberts, and Joe McNac.

JOE FLOYD

Joe Floyd, 63, of Eufaula died January 12, 1986 at St. John Medical Center in Tulsa after an extended illness.

Services were held at Trenton Indian Baptist Church west of Hanna with the Reverends Dan Phillips, Roley Haynes and Gary Hawkins officiating.

An Indian prayer service was held January 13 at Merrit Funeral Chapel in Eufaula.

Burial was in Proctor Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were: Thomas Yahola; Bobby Gray, Leonard McGuire, Max Bridges, Alfonzo Chiles Sr., Eddie Lowe, Winston Billy and Andrew Hawkins.

Born at Hanna, December 3, 1922. Floyd was married to Margaret Vickery October 4, 1947, in Miami. A World War II Navy veteran, he lived in Oklahoma City from 1942-1962. He retired in 1983 as a self employed carpet installer.

He was baptized in Trenton Indian Baptist Church in 1951 and was a member of Silver Springs Baptist Church near Henryetta.

Survivors include his wife of the home; four sons, Robert Charles and Phillip David both of Oklahoma City, James of Eufaula and Jerry Don of Muskogee; five daughters, Regina Sue Wilbanks and Betty Jo Floyd both of Oklahoma City, Nancy Chiles and Lisa Ballard Floyd, both of Eufaula, and Anita Bandy Floyd of Tulsa; a sister Carrie Davis of Oklahoma City; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

ELLA G. HAWKINS

Ella Hawkins was born at Pine Hill, Indian Territory on April 27, 1905. She died December 16, 1985 at Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Services were held at Choska United Methodist Church, Bristow, Oklahoma on December 19 with the Reverends David Jimboy and Willie Gooden officiating. Interment was in Duck Creek Cemetery, Bixby.

Mrs. Hawkins was survived by one daughter, Evelyn Parker of Beggs and a granddaughter, Eloise Perkins; one grandson Douglas Parker.

RAY "CHIEF" HENNEHA

Ray "Chief" Henneha, a full-blooded Creek Indian and a veteran of two wars, died of cancer in November 1984.

Mr. Henneha 62, of 273 Birch Ave., Delaware, was born in Oklahoma. His ancestors took part in the forced march of the 1830s known as the Trail of Tears, in which many Indians perished. The Creeks were compelled to move to Oklahoma from what are now the states of Georgia and Alabama.

Mr. Henneha moved to Delaware in 1966. He worked for Painters Local 100 for 10 years. He preferred working at great heights, his wife said, and once painted the top of the Delaware Memorial Bridge. He retired on disabiltiy in 1976.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II. He participated in 13 naval battles as a crewman aboard the USS San Juan (CL-54) in the Pacific theater of war.

He later served as a crew chief in the Air Force during the Korean War.

He was a member of the Diamond State Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Guadalcanal Group; and the San Juan Reunion Group.

He is survived by his wife, the former Ann Rogers, formerly of Lewes; a stepdaughter, Peggy Bowman of Lewes; three half-brothers, John Simmons of Sacramento, Calif.; Jack Bigpond of Torrence, Calif., and Artus Tom Henneha of Okemah, Okla.; three half-sisters, Jeane Tilley of Mason, Oklahoma., Bessy Henneha Bell of Okmulgee, Oklahoma and Ida Henneha Tilley of Okemah; three step-grandchildren and eight step-great-grandchildren.

Services and burial will be private. Instead of flowers, the family suggests contributions to charity.

SUSANNA B. WILSON

Services for Susanna B. Wilson,70, of the Stone Bluff Area were held Friday, December 13, at 1:30 P.M. in the Leonard Funeral Chapel in Bixby with the Reverend Thomas Roughface officiating. An Indian Prayer service was held Thursday, December 12, at 7 P.M. also in the Leonard Funeral Chapel. Burial was made in Haskell Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Earl Wheeler, Charles Jones, Brian Edge,Harold T. Miller, Jackie Miller, and Thomas Wilson.

Born March 1,1915, in Newby Creek, Mrs. Wilson died Wednesday, December 11, at her home in Haskell, Oklahoma after a long illness. She had attended Iron Post Schools in Gypsie, south of Bristow, and moved to the Haskell area in 1977.

Mrs. Wilson was a member of the Mutteloke Methodist Church in Bristow, and a member of the Women's Society of Christian Service of which she was elected to the Conference and National division. She also served on the General Board of Global Ministries from 1980-1985.

She is survived by her husband, Silas Wilson, four sisters; Phoebe Jones, Alice Wheeler, and Hazel Tiger, all of Wheeler, and Hazel Tiger, all of Bristow, Oklahoma and Ruth Crittenden of Stilwell, Okla., a host of nieces and nephews and many other friends and relatives. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Wade Bucktrott, Alvin Bucktrott and Tony Bucktrott.

The family prefers donations be made to the Mutteloke Methodist Church.

HARRY ALDEN

Harry Alden 69, formerly of Okmulgee, died this past January at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Yakima, Washington due to complications from diabetes. Mr. Alden was a member of the Creek Nation.

He attended schools in Okmulgee including Okmulgee's Law School and was the first head of OST'S Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Department under L.K. Covelle. Mr. Alden was president of the Benton Franklin Counties Labor Council from 1966 to 1984, past president and vice president of the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 598, Pasço and served as vice president of the Washington State Labor Council AFL—CIO from 1975 to 1984.

He was a member of Local 598, the Northwest United Protestant Church, Richland, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5785 in Kennewick. He served as precinct committeeman for the Benton County Democrats from 1960 to 1984. During 10 years as a lobbyist for the Washington State Asscociation of Plummers and Steamfitters, he successfully lobbied the state plumbers licensing law. He served with the Oklahoma National Guard and won the state's competition to West Point Military Academy. He served in the South Pacific with the Seabees during world war II.

Survivors include his wife, Christenia Alden of the home in Kennewick, Wash., a son, Charles Edwin F. Alden of Kennewick; a daughter, Christenia Kline of Maine; a sister, Margaret Thornburgh, Okmulgee; two brothers, John Alden of Leavenworth, Kan., and E.F. Alden of Liberal Kansas and four grandchildren.

HERMAN GRIMES

Funeral services for Herman W. Grimes 78, were held Thursday, January 30 in the First Indian Baptist Church of Okmulgee with the Reverend Bridge Chuckluck officiating.

Wake services were held Wednesday, January 29 at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

Interment was held at Flat Rock Coweta Cemetery near Preston under direction of the Cantrell-Kelley Funeral home.

Mr. Grimes, who was born May 3, 1907 at Henryetta, died January 26 in Henryetta. He was a resident of Henryetta all his life and was of the Baptist faith. He was a member of the Henryetta VFW and American Legion. He was retired from Pittsburgh Plate Glass where he was employed for 25 years.

Survivors include two sons, Ricky D. Grimes and June Kent Grimes, Helen Caudill of Lawton, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

MITCHELL JACK

Mitchell Jack, 74, died Jan. 10 at Henryetta. He was born March 16, 1911 at Wetumka and was a retired farm worker. A veteran of World War II, serving with the U.S. Army, Mr. Mitchell was a member of the Trenton Indian Baptist Church in Hanna.

Funeral services were held January 14, at the Jack Family residence Rural Route 1, Hanna. Interment was in the Jack Family Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Louma Jack of the home; two sons, Elmer Jack of the home and Jimmy Jack of Dustin; five daughters, Pauline Smith, Dustin, Leann Jack, Jeanetta Jack and Joan Harjo, all of the home and Angela Harjo of Wetumka.

Miss Indian Oklahoma
Audrey Barnett

Miss Indian Oklahoma Reigns With Purpose

Interview with Rita Williams

Between a part-time job at the American Indian Institute at the University of Oklahoma and working toward a degree in Mechanical Engineering at the University, Audrey Barnett,Creek "Miss Indian Oklahoma 1986" must also find time to devote to the duties of her crown. Audrey does this very well and still finds time and opportunity to tie them in with the various social and health issues that concern her.

Audrey recently appeared in a Benefit for Missing Children and will appear at another scheduled for February.

Audrey and the American Indian Institute will also co-sponsor a Basketball Tournament in Tahlequah on April 4-6. The objective of this tournament is to educate and bring about a greater awareness of the seriousness of the disease Diabetes among American Indian people. Diabetes is a particular concern for Audrey as she has lost a family member to the disease.

For more information about the tournament, contact Audrey at the American Indian Institute, 1-405-325-1711.

Audrey's busy schedule also includes a sweep of appearances throught New Mexico soon to promote Indian Health concerns and to attend the Indian Finals Rodeo to be held in Albuquerque.

Honors for Audrey recently include; "Outstanding Young Indian Woman of America in 1985" and the National Conference of American Indians Youth Leadership Award.

Audrey, 25, is the daughter of Tim and Darlene Barnett of Springfield, Missouri.

November 23, 1985 National Council Regular Minutes

INVOCATION: Helen Chupco
CALL TO ORDER: Carney Roberts, Speaker
ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with thirteen members present. The Speaker declared that any and all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. Those absent were: Bill Burden, Robert Hardridge and Leah Stacy.
READING OF THE MINUTES: The Chair advised that the minutes had been mailed prior to this meeting. The Chair entertained a motion for approval of the October 26th, Quarterly minutes, November 13th, Special Session, and the November 18th, Special Session. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Cleghorn to approve the

READING OF THE MINUTES: The Chair advised that the minutes had been mailed prior to this meeting. The Chair entertained a motion for approval of the October 26th, Quarterly Minutes, November 13th, Special Session, and the November 18th, Special Session. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Cleghorn to approve the three sets of minutes as read. Roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, the minutes were recorded as such in the Creek Nation Code of Laws.
ORDER OF BUSINESS:
I. Old Business - None
II. New Business - None
ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:
An Amendment to the Rules of Procedures Governing the National Council of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **11-C A Bill Amending NCA 84-04 "Regulating Public Gaming"; 11-D A Bill "Establishing Tribal Tobacco Product Sales/Taxation Act".** The Chair entertained a motion to add these items to the Agenda: A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Bible to add these items to the Agenda. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor, none. against and no abstentions. Motion carried and was recorded as such in the Creek Nation against and no abstentions. The Three items were added to the agenda for consideration.
An Amendment to the Rules of Procedures Governing the National Council was read and considered as follows: 1.SUPREMACY OF THE CREEK CONSTITUTION AND TRIBAL

ORDINANCES. The 1979 Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and Tribal Ordinances of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as approved by the National Council and the Principal Chief, are hereby declared to be Supreme to these Rules of Procedures, and the National Council shall abide by the Constitution and Tribal Ordinances while conducting offficial business.
2. **AGENDA.** A. The agenda for each meeting of the National Council shall be prepared by the Speaker. B. The agenda shall be based upon legislative items reported by the Committees during a Planning Session where the Agenda is developed. C. Items not placed on the Agenda during the Planning Session shall be placed on the Agenda under **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION.** D. Any changes or additions to the Agenda shall require a majority vote of the National Council Acting as a Committee of the Whole. E. The National Council shall abide by the Agenda prepared by the Principal Chief, for an Extra-Ordinary Session, but may schedule additional business on the Agenda by majority vote after the scheduled business of the Extra-Ordinary Session has been completed. 3. **MEETING DATES.** The meeting dates of the National Council, as established by Tribal Ordinance (NCA 81-04) may be revised by Ordinance "ONLY". 4. **CALLING OF A SPECIAL MEETING.** Upon request of at least 25% (twenty-five percent) of the members of the National Council, the Speaker shall call a "Special Meeting". A written request will be on file with the required signatures and will specify the subject of the Special Meeting, Prior to the Speaker calling the meeting to order. 5. **COMMITTEE.** A. Legislation introduced by a Representative (sponsor), or at the request of the Principal Chief (by request), shall be assigned by the Speaker to one of the "Four Standing Committees"or to the National Council "Acting as a Committee of the Whole", and shall proceed through the Committee System.
COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES. Jurisdiciton: Budgeting, Finance, Inter-and Intra-Governmental policy, Administrative policies and procedures, Economic Development, Citizenship & Election Boards and other Administrative Functions.
COMMITTEE ON TRIBAL AFFAIRS. Jurisdiction: real property, facilities management, Leasing, Law enforcement, game and wildlife, Economic Research and Development, Economic Pilot Projects, Comprehensive Planning, and other Trib al Affair Functions.
COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES. Jurisdiction: Primary and Allied Health Services, Environmental Services, Housing, Nutrition Services, Social Services, Welfare Services, Community Development, Community Organization, Indian Child Welfare Act, and other Community Services Functions.
COMMITTEE ON HUMAN DEVELOPMENT. Jurisdiction: Employment Counseling, Placement and Financial Assistance, Pre-school, Elementary and Adult Education; Training, Scholarships, and work programs; and other related Human Development functions. B. Members of each Committee shall be appointed by the Speaker. C. Committees shall elect their own Chairperson. D. Committees shall meet regularly at the "call" of their Chairperson. 1. Meetings shall be called at least eight hours prior to meeting date. 2. Office Personnel shall be notified of the Agenda Items and if necessary copies can bve made prior to the meeting date. E. Committee membership is established by these Rules of Procedures. F. Committee shall have all the power ususally exercised by Legislative Committees. G. Committees shall report legislation to the National Council (Acting as a Committee of the Whole) for their review and scheduling on the agenda. H. A copy of a Committee Report shall be forwarded to the Office of the Principal Chief advising of the decision and recommendation of the Committee. I. Committee Meetings are open to the public, and shall remain open. 1. Any and All Tribal Officers, Tribal Citizen, Tribal Employeee or other persons may appear at a Committee meeting and "Listen" to discussion. 2. Administrative Staff persons may be requested to attend by written letter of requests" prior to a Committee meeting. 3. The letter of request shall come from the chairperson of each committee to the Legislative Coordinator. J.To be credited for a Committee Meeting, the meeting must be held on assignments made by the Speaker with written documents on file.. K. Only members of the Committee may participate in the discussion of each committee meeting. 1. Members of other Committees and visitors "shall not" be allowed to participate in any discussion. 2. Should it be necessary for visitors to ask questions, they may be recognized by the Chairperson who shall use his/her discretion as to whether he should allow visitors to participate. 3. Should the chair not allow participation,it will be necessary for visitors to go through a Committee Member. L Committees may hold informal, or public sessions. However a Committee may also by majority vote determine to hold a formal hearing in accordance with Section (8) of these Rules of Procedures. M. A quorum for any Committee to conduct business shall be a majority of its memberships. 1. Ex-Officio members shall not be considered in determination of a quorum. 2. A lesser number may: A. Conduct Hearings, B. Conduct Hearings, C. Establish an Agenda for the next meeting and adjourn. N. The Speaker shal consult with each Committee Chairperson during the Planning Session or Regular Scheduled Session about issues pending before the various Committees. O. A majority of the National Council may, in " an offical public session" by majority vote remove an item of legislation from a committee and place it upon the agenda for the next orders of business or during the next official session. P. The Chairperson of each Committee shall be the only person directing Council Personnel to perform managerial, or secretarial duties necessary

to satisify the needs of the Committee. 1. The Chairperson shall make such request through the Legislative Coordinator, who in turn shall direct the clerical staff to carry out request. 2. On more detailed request it will be necessary to make requests through the Legislative Coordinator and on an "Information Request Form" and it shall be signed by the requesting member.

6. RETURNING PROPOSED LEGISLATION: The Speaker shall return: 1. Any and all proposed items received in the National Council Office without a cover letter from the Principal Chief. 2. Proposed Items received without a Cover letter from the Principal Chief shall be returned stating the reason for its return.
7. PLANNING SESSION: Planning Sessions are held one time during each month and shall (is possible) be scheduled ten days prior to a Regular Scheduledmeeting of the National Council. A. Items coming out of Committee shall be placed on the Agenda at the request of the Committee Chairperson, and shall be done so at the Planning Session. B. Items not placed on the agenda during the Planning Session shall be added to the Agenda under "Items for Consideration", provided a request has een made through the Speaker prior to meeting date. C. Any Tribal Citizen, or Visitor wishing to address the National Council may do so, "Only" through their District Representative, who in turn shall address the Speaker with said request. D. Any Tribal Citizen, or Visitor wishing to introduce items requiring legislative action to the National Council, may do so through their District Representative. 1. The request may be mentioned verbally, but it must be followed up by a written letter of request. 2. Upon receipt of the written request, the Speaker shall assign the item to a Committee.
8. HEARINGS:
A. The Secretary of the National Council shall advertise all hearings on the Legislative Calendar by publication in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each District of the Muscogee Nation. B. The Presiding Representative for each hearing shall appoint a person to act as General Counsel to the Hearing. The General Council present testimony and evidence on the subject of the hearing, and shall have the opportunity to question witnesses who shall provide testimony against or in favor of the subject of the hearing. C. The Secretary of the National Council shall compile a Hearing Report, consisting of minutes of the proceedings of the hearing and copies of documents introduced to the hearing. The Hearing Report shall be distributed to the Members of the National Council..
9. ROLL CALL VOTE:
All votes taken by the National Council shall be by roll call vote, and the names of the members voting "yes" or "no" on each question shall be entered upon the minutes, journal or the Creek Nation Code of Laws, of the National Council.
10. QUORUM:
At any Regular, Special or Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the National Council, the presence of more than one-half (1/2) of the elected Representatives to the National Council shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.
11. AMENDMENTS:

These Rules of Procedures may be amended by a majority vote of the National Council.
12. SUSPENSION OF THE RULES OR PROCEDURES:
The suspension of the Rules of Procedures of the National Coucnil shall require a majority vote of the National Council.
13. CONSIDERATION OF LEGISLATION RETURNED WITH OBJECTIONS BY THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF:
The veto message of the Principal Chief shall be delivered to the Speaker at the National Council Office, and the Secretary shall copy the message and deliver it to each Representative. At the next regular meeting of the National Council, or at a Special or Extra-Ordinary Meeting, if a majority of Representatives consent, the veto message shall be read aloud. Any member of the National Council may request that the legislation returned by the Principal Chief be reconsidered. Such request shall be in order only at the meeting where the veto message was read. Until the adjournment of the next regular meeting of the National Council after the meeting where the veto message was read, a majority of the members may determine to reconsider the legislation returned by the Principal Chief. If such action is not taken, the legislation may not be reconsidered without amendments being in order. At any time, a majority of the Representatives may determine that they may not be reconsidered (except when a member exercise their right under Section (13) (C) of these rules of procedures. Vetoed legislation shall become subject to amendment and resubmission to the Principal Chief if: 1) The recondsideration vote fails to achieve a two-thirds vote, 2) The legislation is not reconsidered, or 3) The National Council determines not to reconsider the legislation.

14. **VOTING BY THE SPEAKER.** Except in Planning Sessions and in Scheduled Hearings, the Speaker of the National Council shall not vote, "EXCEPT"in a tie vote.
15. **COMPENSATION/REIMBURSEMENTS (REF: NCA 85-09)**Compensation for the following classes of meetings shall not exceed $250 per month; a. Regular and Quarterly Meeting, b. Special Sessions and Committee meetings, c. Planning Session, d. Extra-Ordinary Sessions (Ref. NCA 85-31) A council member may elect to receive a stipend in the amount of $50 (fifty dollars) for attendance per meeting in lieu of the established rate of compensation.
16. **MILEAGE.** Members of the Council shall be reimbursed for mileage for attendance at above named meetings. The mileage rate shall be consistent with the mileage rate established by Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Mileage will be paid from point of departure (residence) to place of meeting and return to residence. Council Members shall be responsible for, and shall furnish to the Secretary a odometer reading for each round trip made.
17. VOUCHERS. Vouchers shall be signed by each Council member to document their attendance at meetings. The vouchers will be recorded by the Secretary of the National Council. The National Council Speaker shall then approve each voucher to certify that the Council Member attended that meeting. The Secretary shall retain copies of the approved vouchers and originals of all disapproved vouchers. Approved vouchers shall be forwarded to the controller for disbursements of funds. A. Documentation of Vouchers: 1. Recorded and signed minutes. 2. Documentation as required by the Speaker.
18. REIMBURSEMENT: (REF: NCA.85-09 Section 106) Expense for Travel and Per Diem for the Council members of the Muscogee Nation for attendance at training sessions, seminars, orientation, symposiums and other official functions as deemed necessary for tribal legislation with appropriate documentation approved by the Speaker will be

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reimbursed. The reimbursement rate will be consistent with the reimbursement rate established by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

19. ODOMETER READINGS. Council members shall be responsible for and shall furnish to the Secretary an odometer reading for each round trip made.

20. PARLIAMENTARIAN (REF: NCA 84-32) A. The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Speaker and approved by majority vote of the National Council. B. The Parliamentarian must attend regular-scheduled, special, extra ordinary sessions of the National Council, and upon request attend Committee meetings and shall: Advise the Speaker(s) and Representatives of the National Council of proper procedures for consideration of tribal business legally, efficiently and impartially in accordance with the 1979 Muscogee (Creek) Constitution, the Rules of Procedures of the National Council, and the Roberts Rules of Order. C. The Parliamentarian shall be compensated in accordance to Tribal Ordinance NCA 84-32. Legislative powers are raised in the National Council, and the Constitution of the Muscogee Nation if not conclusive to the question raised, "Case and Materials on Legislation" (Charles B. Nutting and Reed Dickerson) and other authoritative reference work shall be presented in pertinent part of the Representatives as a general guide to information of their own opinions.

The Rules of Procedures having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by Dunn to approve the Amendment to the Rules of Procedures as read. Roll call vote was taken the results being: Thirteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The Amendment to the Rules of Procedures were approved and recorded as such.

11C. A Bill amending NCA 84-04 "Regulating Public Gaming" with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was read and considered; (FOR COMPLETE BILL CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE). A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Cloud to approve Bill 11C as read. Roll call vote was taken with the results being: Barnett - No, Bible - No, Buck - Yes, Chupco - Yes, Cleghorn - No, Cloud - Yes, Dunson - Yes, Fox - No, Dunn - Yes, Hicks - Yes, McIntosh - No, Thomas - No and Roberts - Yes; Motion carried. Bill 11-C was approved as read and was recorded as such.

TITLE I. — GENERAL PROVISIONS

11-D A Bill establishing the Tribal Tobacco Product Sales/Taxation Act. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings, The National Council finds that: A. Under the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the National Council may legislate upon matters to become Ordinances of the Nation, including: (1) To promote the public health and safety, education and welfare that may contribute to the social, physical well-being and economic advancement of citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. (Article VI. Section 7 (a) I. (2) To create authorities with attendant powers to achieve objectives allowed within the scope of the Constitution. (Article VI, Section 7 (i). (3) To lay and collect taxes within the boundary of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation's jurisdiction from whatever source derived. (Article VI. Section 7 (h). B. The future of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the welfare of it's people depend on diversified economic development and entry into businesses that provide employment and financial independenc. C. The present needs of the Muscogee (Creek) people include a need to broaden its resource base through a uniform tax revenue system. D. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation must establish standards of business practices with attendant responsibilities and provide a method to regulate licensing within the Muscogee Nation's jurisdiction. E. To provide a method to regulate tribal tobacco taxation within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is in the interests of the Muscogee people and their economic advancement. F. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation must become self-sufficient in all it's economic affairs, as reliance on outside resources can be adverse to the goal of economic independence of this sovereign nation. G. It is the purpose and intention of this Act to provide revenues for essential governmental services of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. H. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation must provide official permission for it's citizens to conduct business in tabacco and tabacco related product sales and provide documentary evidence of that permission through a license and/or permit precept. **Section 102. Repeal.** All titles, chapters, articles and sections of Tribal Ordinance 82-14, which are in effect as of the date of this Act are hereby repealed; and all other laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed. **Section 103. Effect of Repeal.** Repeal by this Act or any Ordinance shall not have the effect of reviving any prior law theretofore repealed or suspended by such repealed Ordinance. **Section 104.**

Short Title. This Act shall be known and may be cited as the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tobacco Act. Section 105. Definitions. The following words and phrases when used in **Definitions.** The following words and phrases when used in this Act shall, for the purposes of this Act have the meanings respectively ascribed to them in this Section, except where the context otherwise requires: A. "Shall" is used in this Act as imposing an obligation to act. B. "Commissioner" is the Commissioner of Public Gaming. C. "Taxes" are pecuniary charges levied for the privilege of carrying on economic activity and shall mean any tax which is payable to, collectible by, or administered by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. D. "Tax" as used in the Act are revenues derived from fees, license and charges; business activity taxes; general sales tax; selective excise taxes. E. "Stamp" a small label or imprint by machine or hand device approved by the Division of Taxation; and attached to cigarette packages. F. "Wholesaler" an entity providing products at the distribution level to retailers of tabacco products. G. "Permit" a written warrant issued by a person in authority empowering the grantee to do some act not forbidden by Muscogee (Creek) Nation but not without such authority. H. "License" the permission by authority of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to do an act, which without permission would be illegal. An authority granted by the Division of Taxation of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for a consideration to a person, group, community, firm, or corporation to pursue some occupation to carry on some business subject to regulation under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. I. "Hearing De Novo" a new hearing or a hearing for the second time contemplating an entire trial in the same manner in which matter was originally heard and a review of previous hearing. **Section 106 Severability.** The provisions of this Act are severable, and if any part or provision hereof shall be held void by tribal or federal court, the decision of the court so holding shall not affect or impair any of the remaining parts of provisions of the Act.

TITLE II. — ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Section 201. Division of Taxation Established. There is hereby created the Division of Taxation within the office of Public Gaming for orderly development, administration, regulation of taxation, and collection of taxes. A. The Commissioner is authorized to issue such regulatory rules and regulations as may be required for the following purposes: 1. Tribal purchases of tobacco. 2. Distribution of tobacco to marketing units. 3. Financial and operational records. B. The Commissioner is authorized to issue such regulatory rules and regulations as may be required for the following purposes: 1. Collection of taxes on tobacco and other related products. 2. Making and filling all reports. 3. Rules and regulations as may be necessacry to ascertain any compute tax(es) payable by licensee. 4. May at all times exercise such authority as may be necessary to administer and enforce each and every provision of this Act. **Section 202. Seal.** The Commissioner is authorized, directed to acquire, and use a seal which shall be circular in form with the words "TAX DIVISION — MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION" around the edge thereof, and the word "Seal" in its center. The seal shall be impressed upon the originals or certified copies of all licenses, orders, rules, and other official documents of the Division as evidence of their authenticity and authority. **Section 203. License, Permits, and Stamps.** The Commissioner is authorized to issue licenses, permits, and revenue stamps upon proper application, with initial or renewal fee accompanying application, to enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Citizens or recognized Muscogee (Creek) organized groups at rates and fees established as follows: A. Tobacco Outlet License:

A. Tobacco Outlet License: 1. Individual - fifty dollars ($50.00) per year/remainder fiscal year. 2. Chartered Community Organziations - twenty-five dollars (25.00) per year/remainder fiscal year. 3. Special events (Recurring) - Ten dollars per year. 4. Tribal owned and operated - fees reserved. B. Tobaco Outlet Pemit: 1. Special event - Ten dollars per day. 2. Machines - twenty dollars ($20.)0 per machine per year/remainder fiscal year. 3. Concession - ten dollars (10.00 per day maximum of fifty dollars (50.00) per event. C. Tobacco Revenue Rates effective January 1, 1986: 1. Cigarettes - five cents ($0.05) per package. F. Require that no person under the age of eighteen (18) years be allowed to purchase tobacco products. G. Require that persons employed in the sales of tobacco products are not less than eighteen (18) years of age. H. Require that such operations and financial records and documents be maintained, as required by this Act and by regulations and rules issued by the Commissioner, for the purpose of insuring proper collection of tribal taxes due. I. Require that any lease contracts or rental agreements upon Tribal Trust Lands be provided to the National Council for review and approval. **Section 205 Licenses/Permit holder shall acknowledge as a condition to operate activities within the purview of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. A. That the license/permit may be revoked, suspended, conditioned, terminated, or limited by the Commissioner for violation of any part or parts of this Act and further, that violation of any part or parts of this Act or the rules and regulations of the regulatory authority are subject to fines not to exceed Five Hundred dollars ($500.00) on each violation in addition to or in lieu of revocation, suspension, conditioning, termination, or limiting as deemed appropriate to the findings. B. License or permits may not be renewed if citations for violations of this Act or the rules and regulations of the regulatory authority are not complied within. C. License or permit shall expire at 11:59 p.m. December 31, of the year of issue, unless an earlier period is so specified upon the face of the license or permit. D. Other Tobacco Products Tax Rates effective January 1, 1986. 1. Cigars - 5% of distributor's invoice price. 2. Pipe Tobacco - 5% of distributor's invoice price. 3. Chewing Tobacco 5% of distributor's invoice price. 4. Snuff - 5% of distributor's invoice price. 5. Smokeless Tobacco 5% of distributor's invoice price. 6. Other forms of Tobacco and Tobacco Related Products 5% of distributor's invoice prices. E. The Commissioner is designated as the regulatory authority and authorized to issue such rules and regulations, as may be required for administration and enforcement of this Act. Section 204. License, Permits, and Stamps issued under the provisions of this Act shall:** A. Authorize the indian recipient to operate a tobacco outlet within the provisions of this Act. B. Require that the outlet be located upon tribal trust lands of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation or upon tribal trust lands of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation or upon lands held in trust by the United States of America for Muscogee (Creek) Citizens or restricted alloted lands held by a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. C. Require that cigarette packages sold at the outlet have affixed the Muscogee (Creek) Naiton Revenue Stamp depicting taxes collected for the benefit of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. D. Display in a prominent place a current and valid license or permit for that location. E. Not allow license, permit, or stamps to be transferred to any other person or organization or for any other location without written approval of the Commissioner. **Section 206.** The Commissioner shall have the power, upon consideratin of petition or following a hearing, to order the closing of any unlicensed tobacco shop, smoke shop, or other tobacco sales outlet on restricted lands, which does not comply with the terms of this Act. **Section 207. Prohibits Acts.** A. No Muscogee (Creek) Citizen shall own, operate, administer, or lease lands for the purpose of allowing another person or group of persons to own, operate or administer a tobacco shop, smoke shop, or other tobacco sales outlet unless that person or group of persons possesses a valid license from the Muscogee Nation under the terms of this Act. B. No licensed activity shall sell or cause to be sold any tobacco product that has not been properly stamped with the tribal tobacco revenue stamp or for which proper tax has not been paid to the Muscogee Nation. C. Each day or every act that violates any section of this Act shall constitute a separate offense. D. Upon conviction of violation of any section of this Act, licensee may be fined not more than Five hundred dollars ($500) for each offense.

TITLE III. GENERAL PROVISIONS (SALES AND REVENUE)

Section 301. Enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Citizens may purchase tobacco products, without limitation upon amount purchased, at any location under provisions of this Act. **Section 302.** Non-Muscogee (Creek) Citizens may purchase tobacco and related products at any location licensed under the provisions of this Act under established limits. **Section 303.** Revenues derived from receipts for license, taxes and permits shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation placed in interest bearing accounts in Trust by the Bureau of Indian Affairs until appropriated for essential governmental services by Ordinance. The Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Fox and seconded by McIntosh to postpone the Bill and take it back to the Council Acting as a Committee of the Whole. Motion made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried Bill (11-D) was postponed and returned to the Council acting as a Committee of the Whole.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Planning Session, Thursday, December 19, 1985, 6:30 p.m. Committee of the Whole Meeting, Tuesday, November 26.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Dunson to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned. BENEDICTION: Jonas Dunson.

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Mason Indians Disturbed With School Board

By Helen Chalakee

"The Indians are getting together - we're getting our voting cards and you guys are going to be out, one-by-one!" Farron Cully relayed this message from the Mason area Indian people to three members of the five-member Non-Indian Mason School Board as the three relentlessly maintained their decision not to rehire school superintendent Dale Smart during the March 3 school board meeting.

Smart, a non-Indian, has been tagged an "Indian Lover" by some of the non-Indian people in the small Mason community because he realizes the overwhelming impact the Indian people have in keeping the school alive, especially in times when small Oklahoma schools have fallen prey to consolidation due to lack of funding and declining enrollment.

The Mason area Indians feel Smart has done an outstanding job at the school for the fourteen years he has been there. Current student enrollment at Mason is 256. Indian students comprise 43 per cent of that enrollment. The school has received close to a million dollars in the past ten years due to Indian enrollment alone. Indian and non-Indian students have been afforded some of the best educational opportunities available because of the "Indian Money." For instance, Mason School is one of very few schools, even in large cities, that is air-conditioned.

Smart has gained the respect of the Indian parents for equality of the Indian students in both scholastics and athletics. Because of the Indian student's natural athletic ability, they have had the opportunity at Mason to take the lead in most of the sport activities. In order to do this, they have to maintain scholastically, which they have also done.

Usually passive when it comes to interfering in issues, the Mason Indians are objecting to the school board decision about not rehiring the superintendent. They have demonstrated their displeasure by allowing their children to boycott classes the day of the school board meeting, hoping to display their intent to the three school board members. The three ignored the attempt, but did allow a public hearing the night of the meeting. Accusations and discontent bounced off the three board members as they sat undisturbed while Indian after Indian (some of them students) took their turn at the microphone to verbalize their concerns.

(See MASON SCHOOL Page 2)

***GENEVA DOUGLAS, MASON SCHOOL INDIAN STUDENT COUNSELOR, TALKS WITH CREEK NATION OFFICIALS** at a school board meeting where approximately 200 area residents attended in hopes of negotiating with the board. CN officials present were 2nd Chief Perry Beaver (center), Representative Carney Roberts and Principal Chief Cox. (Not shown, Representative Press Johnson.)*

STAY SMART
BE OUT-SMART
WE TRUSTED A FEW WHO WEREN'T SMART
Shut Up CHARLIE DON'L DONALD

***MASON INDIAN PARENTS/RELATIVES DEMONSTRATE THEIR DISAPPROVAL** of the school board's actions along with the non-Indians who feel the board has acted against the majority.*

C.N. Riding Club Dates

March 15 - Bingo, 2 p.m. at Stella Roberts home.

March 22 - Creek Nation Arena - Open Play Day and Queen and Princess contest, Playday starts at 1 p.m. and the contest is at 3 p.m. Everybody is welcome to come and participate.

April 8 - Horse Shoeing - Creek Nation Arena - All day - Open to Public - Reset $10, New Shoes $12, Trim $8.

April 25 - Trail Ride

April 26 - Okemah Parade

For more information contact Joann Thomas, Creek Nation 756-8700

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GENERAL REVENUE SHARING PUBLIC NOTICE

The Creek Nation has submitted it's report on the actual expenditures of Revenue Sharing funds to the Bureau of Census. This report and supporting documentation are available for public inspection in the Office of the Treasury, Creek Nation Complex, from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday, March 17th through Friday, March 28, 1986.

Yardeka Indian Community Schedules Easter Dinner

Yardeka Indian Community is having a Easter Dinner and egg hunt, March 29, beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday. Following the dinner we will have a Bow Shooting and Shot gun shooting. We will also have an egg throwing contest and sack race. so come out and meet everybody and have fun. The dinner is free. We would like to thank all the people involved in achieving one of our goals-A Charter for the community. March 22, Yardeka Community will elect new officers.

Summer Youth Applications Scheduled March 31/April 22

March 31, the Creek Nation Summer Youth Program applications will be taken at the Sapula Clinic, from 9-12 noon. April 22, applications will be taken at the Bristow Indian Community Center from 9-12 noon.

Births...

Kerry DeWain and Shannon Beaver of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, announce the birth of their son, Jared DeWain, on February 7, 1986, weighing 8lb. 6oz.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Hill of Baton Rouge, La. and Mr. and Mrs. Vance DeWain Beaver, of Kinder, La. Great-grandparents are the late Amos and Stella Beaver of Broken Arrow, Okla.

NAIAA Tourney Set

The North American Indian Athletic Association has announced their Second Annual All-Indian International Championship Basketball Tournament for Men and Women, March 27-28-29,1986. The tournament will be held in Eufaula, Oklahoma. March 15, 1986 has been set as the last date to enter your team. Entry fee for this Championship Basketball Tournament will be $200. The two hundred dollars will cover all player and team registration fees. All players and teams will be issued membership cards upon posting the team's entry fees. No personal checks will be accepted.

There will be discount lodging available at the tournament site. This All-Indian Championship Basketball Tournament will probably be the most representative of Indian Basketball teams in the country, so please plan to attend. Write or call the NAIAA Basketball teams in the country, so please plan to attend. Write or call the NAIAA Offices (918) 267-4674...Post Office Box 450, Beggs, Ok 74421 for additional information. Remember the 1987 All-Indian World Olympiad, to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma June 25 throught July 4, 1987.

Area Gospel Singings...

Seminole Arbeka Baptist

Seminole Arbeka Indian Baptist Church, Seminole, Oklahoma March 15, 1986 (Third Saturday in March, 1986) Starting Time: 7:00 PM. There will be a food sale. M.C. - Robert Jones, Muscogee Sounds, Muskogee, Ok. Everybody welcome to come and share the singing fellowship in praising the lord. All singers, musicians, listeners are welcome.

Bacone College

Bacone College, Muskogee, Oklahoma, April 5th, 1986 (First Saturday in April, 1986) Starting Time: 7:00 PM. There will be a food sale. The M.C. will be, Al Brown, Ada Harmonetts of Ada, Oklahoma. Everybody welcome - come and praise the lord in songs. Let us share the spirit of the lord together.

Revivals Scheduled...

Little Cussetah Indian Baptist Church. March 24-28, 7:30 p.m. Evangelist, Dr. B. Frank Belvin, Director of Music, Eli No Fire.

Pickett Chapel - March 24-28, March 24-26, Alvin Deere, Oklahoma City; March 27-28, Rev. Fred Williams, Pawnee, Ok.

Diabetes vs. Indians Health Fair/Tourney

"Diabetes vs. Indians " will be the theme of a diabetes health fair and all-Indian basketball tournament during April in Tahlequah.

Sponsored by the University of Oklahoma's American Indian Institute, the health fair and tournament will be at four different school gymnasiums in Tahlequah April 4 through 6.

The unique health promotion activity was conceived by Audrey Dalene Barnett, Creek, an American Indian Institute employee and the current Miss Indian Oklahoma.

Diabetes is one of the major killers of American Indians, with rates two to four times higher than for the rest of the United States population, Barnett said. While it is generally believed that diabetes is an "older persons" illness, the rate of diabetes striking Indian youth is rising, she noted.

"In my travels throughout Oklahoma and other parts of the country, I saw more and more of our people succumbing to this chronic illness," she said. "Our Indian heritage has long told us that we should take care of our spirit, mind and body. It is with this in mind that we will be trying to increase the awareness and importance of early detection during the health fair."

"The health fair, which will provide screening for diabetes, will be conducted at specific sites during the basketball tournament. Both men's and women's teams will play in the tournament, which begins at 6 p.m. Friday, April 4, and concludes Sunday evening, April 6.

People who want additional information can write or call Barnett or "Bitsy" French at the American Indian Institute, 555 Constitution Ave.,Norman, Okla 73037 Telephone 405/325-1711

MASON SCHOOL

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Principal Chief Claude Cox, Second Chief Perry Beaver, Okfuskee National Council Representatives Carney Roberts and Press Johnson were there to uphold the actions of the Indian people. The previous week, one of the three board members had visited Chief Cox and asked him to call off the Indians, which he later denied doing. Chief Cox talked to the board, reminding them that he was there on behalf of Creek people and urged the board to listen to them, that they had good reason for trying to preserve an inspiring educational atmosphere for their children. He also reminded the board, the Indians were representing the majority in this case.

As of this date, the board still has not offered an excuse for not rehiring the superintendent. Rumors are flying as to why they want to get rid of someone who themselves term as having done an excellent job. One thing for sure, what appears to be a no-win situation has brought the Mason Indian people out in numbers to protect what they feel has been good for their children. This could be the start of something really great with the Indian people realizing how important it is to be Indian represented in the mainstream.

Creek Woman Elected To Local School Board

Twanna S. Deere (Susie) 4/4 Creek Indian has been elected to the Stidham School Board, District-16 in Stidham, Oklahoma. Susie is the first woman ever *to hold this position.* Susie and family reside west of Stidham and they have 3 children enrolled in the Stidham Public School. Michael, age 14 is in the 8th grade, Michele, age 11 is in the 5th grade and D.J. age 6 is in the 1st grade. Also, they have a daughter, Shawna, age 4 attending Creek Nation Headstart in Eufaula, Oklahoma. Susie is the daughter of Rev. Dan and Mina Phillips of Stidham, Oklahoma and is employed by the Creek Nation Indian Health Center in Eufaula, Oklahoma and has worked at the clinic for the past 12 years. Her husband Daniel is employed by the Army National Guard, Camp Gruber in Braggs, Oklahoma.

LETTERS. . .

Dear MNN,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Chief Cox for the donation of tables and chairs for our community and for the Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church.

Also, we would like to thank Steve Wilson for his assistance in obtaining grant funds for the building of bathroom facilities at the Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church.

This assistance is greatly appreciated by the members of the community.

Church and Community Members

Walk to Avert Modern Day 'Trail of Tears' Started

By Helen Chalakee

The Five Civilized Tribe's relocation from their eastern homelands to Indian Territory is only a heart rendering thought to us now. As our stories are told and retold, we know it was pure devastation to the thousands who were forcibly marched across treacherous terrain against all elements.

We, the grandchildren and great-children are still suffering the effects of that tragedy today. ***Some tribes tell us that is why the five tribes suffer so, because we are not situated on our homelands, we have lost the connection with our forefathers that brings about a peaceful existence.***

That is why it is good to remind those who don't know or understand our plight, and even refresh our own thoughts why some things happen to us as they do-the inborn prejudice from our neighbors and even the prejudicial attitude we ourselves often demonstrate.

Recently, a group hoping to avert other modern day removals have initiated a demonstration walk retracing some of the original trails made by our forefathers. On March 1, the walkers started from Fountainhead State Park in Creek Nation and will travel to Rattlesnake Springs, Tenn., a journey of 1,400 miles.

The walkers will stop along the way to talk with anyone interested in this project. They hope to make many personal contacts with whom they can share information about the century and a half ago infamous "Trail of Tears" walk as well as the current plan by the Bureau of Indian Affairs to relocate 238 Navajo families. In the 1986 Interior Appropriation Bill, Congress gave the Bureau of Indian Affairs headed by Ross Swimmer the responsibility of removing the Navajos with a 22 milliion budget for that purpose.

Swimmer said he intends to deal with the relocation as a 'human' problem, rather than a political problem. . .(How nice of him!) Congress created the Relocation Commission in the 1974 Navajo-Hopi Settlement Act. ***Swimmer is artfully playing out the logistics of the relocation bill by personally going to Arizona and convincing the people to move, offering them new houses, etc.***

However, Congressman John McCain and Morris Udall of Arizona have introduced legislation that would substantially amend the Act by proposing a comprehensive exchange of lands and minerals receipts and the dismissal of outstanding lawsuits between the two tribes. ***This new law would do away with the need to relocate Navajos from Hopi partitioned lands.***

Barry Goldwater, also of Arizona indicated that he would oppose the legislation. A Goldwater press aide told the Arizona Republic that Goldwater would fight against such a bill if it were introduced and added that Goldwater's rejection of the proposed legislation would kill the bill.

Doug Alderson is heading up the 'Trail of Tears' walk. He stated that he feels several large energy corporations are supporting the relocation in hopes they can strip mine the area for coal and uranium once the people are removed.

"We want the people we contact during our march to contact their legislators and suggest they vote to repeal the law which will require the Indian people to waive their homelands," Alderson said. "We think this contact will have a lot better impact on the lawmakers than us sending out a lot of form letters from some people who live in Florida.

"The walk is privately financed and will be supported by members of the Cherokee, Muscogee, Choctaw and other Indian tribes along the way," Alderson said. Alderson resides in Pine Arbor, Florida where a group of Florida Creeks have reestablished a ceremonial ground. The other walkers live in other parts of Florida and California.

In 1984, the group participated in a walk across the United States. "Walk for the Earth" was a demonstration for ecology sanity, peace and Native American Rights. Alderson said, "I believe the Native Americans are the caretakers of this planet. Their traditional values and customs are important to keep balance on this planet."

In a Bureau news release, Swimmer also said teams of counselors and other experts would be assigned to visit the Navajo families to find out about their concerns and needs, and to talk to them about grazing land for their sheep, job 'possibilites', new expenses they might have for utilities and other changes involved in the move.. . . ***Sounds like the old 'Andrew Jackson Travel Agency' trick to a lot of Oklahoma Indians.***

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CN COMMUNICATION STAFF Rita Williams (2nd, left) and Helen Chalakee (center) kicked off the "Trail of Tears Walk" from Fountainhead State Park on March 1 with a big, 2.1 miles (each) before a support car came to the rescue. The 1,400 mile walk is scheduled to end at Rattlesnake Springs, Tennessee on July 8.

CREEK NATION 1986 PRINCESS CANDIDATES. . .

For more information and candidate photos, see page 10

Melissa Burgess

Tonya Berryhill

Melinda Taryole

Shannon Rogers

Inter-tribal Council Politic in Washington, D.C.

By Helen Chalakee

***OKLAHOMA CONGRESSMAN WES WATKINS** talked with Principal Chief Cox. Watkins attendance was appreciated, especially since he represents most of the Oklahoma area resided by the five tribes.*

***CREEK NATION PROGRAM DIRECTORS JAMES FLOYD AND MARK DOWNING** testify before Congressman Sidney Yates at the appropriations hearings scheduled that week in Washington. Approximately fifty tribes were on hand to testify concerning the recent Gramm-Rudman budget cuts and how it would affect their tribal programs.*

The Five Civilized Tribes Inter-Tribal Council hosted a 'Fry Bread Reception' on March 6 at the Capitol in Washington, D.C. for the Oklahoma Congressional Delegates, the Senate Select Committee and the House Interior and Insular Committee along with various agency heads. According to Ross Swimmer, now Asst. Secretary of the Interior and former Cherokee Chief, "it was very bad timing". Swimmer said several other receptions and a dinner were scheduled on the Hill that same evening.

Other sources assured us this was the way things were done - that usually the Senators and Congressmen made several receptions in one evening, especially if they were in their honor. The turn out from the agency people, organizational people and a few of the Committee staff aides was good. However, no Senators and one Congressman attended. The lone congressman was Oklahoma District Three Representative Wes Watkins. After the Five Tribe's delegation returned to Oklahoma we found Mr. Watkins intentions of running for Governor of Oklahoma headlining all the local newspapers.

The reception was arranged through Senator Boren's Washington office with the hopes of meeting and talking with some of the people who make policy which affect Indian people's daily lives. (Senator Boren did not attend the reception).

At a 'Special Meeting' of the Inter-Tribal Council the following day (still in D.C.) Mr. Swimmer was two hours late to talk with his former collegues, the Chiefs and Governor of the five larges tribes in Oklahoma. When he did arrive, his offhand advise to them was they were wasting their time coming to Washington to testify on Federal matters and inferred tribes should just leave politicing alone.

One of the main issues of the Five Tribes is putting land in trust for existing and future economic development. Swimmer's descretionary, or self-imposed, policy is that tribes do not need land in trust and he has no intention of placing any land in trust for the five tribes. He maintains it is for Bingo control, however, the Creek Nation has been trying to place certain parcels of land in trust for other reasons and have not succeeded. Chief Cox suggested to Swimmer that he (Swimmer) should let the tribes decide whether they needed land placed in trust, rather than him make the judgement. Any land not placed in trust opens it up to state taxation and other questionable interference. When in trust, there is no question of its sovereign status. Even Swimmer agrees to this, but it doesn't change his attitude.

The special meeting continued throughout the day. Three resolutions were passed (1) A resolution for they Five Tribes to join the National Indian Gaming Association; (2) A resolution to Indian Health Service leaving the responsibility of determining health care eligibility up to the tribes; (3) and

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a resolution to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to support any tribal request for placing land in trust status.

The Five Tribes represent an estimated 200,00 Indian people, approximately 75 per cent of the Oklahoma Indians. Collectively, the potential for a mega-force political operation is in the works. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is making an all out effort to register its tribal members to vote. The Washington trip is an all out example of what needs to be done by Indian folks!

THE FIVE TRIBES CHIEFS AND GOVERNOR were delighted to see Paul Niebel (third from left) at the reception. Mr. Niebel is responsible for settling many land claims for the tribes over the years.

CN INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT DAVIS explaining Creek Philosophy to Cherokee National Council member, Dave Whitekiller.

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE DIRECTOR EVERETT RHOADES spoke at the special meeting in D.C. His message was less than encouraging about the I.H.S. budget review.

HAZEL ELBERT (center) surrounded by Chief Cox and Governor James at the Inter-tribal 'Fry Bread Reception' in Washington, D.C.

Hazel Elbert, First Woman Director Of B.I.A. Indian Services Program

By Helen Chalakee

Hazel Elbert is one Creek lady who has adhered to the establishment and it has paid off big for her. She recently was named Director of indian Services in the Bureau of Indian Affairs by the new Assistant Secretary of the of the Interior, Ross Swimmer.

She has worked in various positions for the federal government for 29 years in the Washington, D.C. area. Although her roots are Oklahoma, she maintains, "D.C. feels like home."

In 1957, she was recruited directly from Haskell to work as a secretary for Indian Health Service in D.C. "It was a frightening experience. . .I was a country girl in the big city and missed my family," Hazel related. She is one of 14 children-more or less in the middle of seven brothers and six sisters. Her parents are Prentiss and the recently deceased Naomi Lyday who lived near Stidham during Hazel's growing up years. She attended grade school at Huttonville and graduated high school from Eufaula.

Hazel attributes her success to another Hazel whom she thinks of fondly as her friend and mentor. "Hazel Poling came to Haskell and brought me here. She was a 30's Haskell grad herself and worked for I.H.S.," Hazel said. "After a while, I found D.C. exciting. It is an intense, high pressured and fun city. . .I faced new experiences each day. . .those were the street car days," she reminisced. "I lived with several other young Indian women who were also Haskell recruits," she added.

Hazel has worked as a legislative specialist, a staff aide to tribal relations and when Indian bingo was born she was appointed by the Bureau to check it out. "When we became aware of Indian Bingo, it was already controversial," she explained.

Hazel was formerly the Deputy Director to the Indian Services Office and has also served as acting Asst. Sec. of the Interior during the John Fritz/Swimmer interim. She was the first woman to serve in that capacity and also the first woman to serve in her present status. She says her assignment is to develop policy for the implementation of human services.

Programs under her direction are housing, social services, employment assistance, self-determination, law enforcement and what she believes to be the most important, tribal government services.

"We expected the new emphasis to be on economic development and this office can be helpful by seeing the tribes have good sound tribal government systems to work with. . good law enforcement and court systems are a must for tribal governments," she explained.

"We have a new leader (Swimmer) who is going to demand new innovative things. I consider that a challenge," Hazel emphasized. "There is a lot of work to be done, that's the difference between working for a leader and working for a supervisor," she summarized.

Eufaula Celebrates Seventh Anniversary With An Open House and MDA Hop-A-Thon

HOPPING IS JUST PLAIN FUN FOR THESE EUFAULA HEADSTART STUDENTS, but these hoppers are benefitting a worthy cause - to fight the terrible disease of Muscular Dystrophy. Approximately $500 was raised in pledges on the sixty-five children who hopped for two minutes or longer during the Hop-A-Thon held on the Center grounds. The money raised will be presented to the MD Association.

By Kathryn Bell

Eufaula Headstart Center of the Creek Nation celebrated it's seventh successful year in operation with an Open House held February 18 at 1:00 p.m. in Eufaula.

What made the day even more special for the students and parents as well was a Hop-A-Thon benefitting the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Sixty-five eager Headstart students hopped for two minutes or as long as they could to music. Pledges were placed on each students number of hops. "This is the first year we have participated in the MDA Hop-A-Thon and the teachers and students were excited about the event," said Paulette Thompson, Center teacher of the 5 year olds.

The event was attended by the children's parents and families, with a total pledge benefitting MDA, of approximately $500, according to Center Supervisor Raylene Stafford.

The Eufaula Center, one of four Headstart centers operated by Creek Nation, is located at 800 Forest Avenue in Eufaula and is currently serving sixty-nine low-income children ages three to five. The Center serves Checotah, Eufaula, Hanna and the Stidham areas.

Janet Lynn is the Director of all the Headstart programs.

Students Of The Month. . .

Tammy and Negiel "Bunk" Bigpond, both received the award for 'Student of the Month' at Liberty Mounds School. Bunk, 5th grade, received the honor in January and Tammy, 3rd grade, received the same in February. The award is given based on grade average and improvement and citizenship. They are the children of Jan and Negiel Bigpond of Mounds.

Angie Lyn Bear

Creek is Runner-Up in Jr. Miss Powwow

Angie Lyn Bear, Creek was first runner-up in the Junior Miss Pow-Wow held in Oklahoma City recently. Angie age 16, is the daughter of John and Susan Bear of Oklahoma City. Grandparents are Gene Dunson and Juanita Dunson.

Another Creek contestant was Dorothy Gibson 14, of Liberty Mounds, and attends Liberty Mounds High School where she is a Freshman. Her mother is Bonnie Gibson of Liberty Mounds.

Creek Student Chosen HHS Basketball Queen

Henryetta High School Basketball Queen attendants this year were; Shannon Rogers 17 years. She is a Senior and has played Softball 4 years, Basketball 3 years, (Guard) F.C.A President, Student Council, Page for Senator Miller, Pep Club, and Oklahoma Honor Society. Shannon plans to enter Tulsa Junior College, and major in Psychology.

Shannons parents are Norman and Paulette Rogers, the granddaughter of Juanita Green and the Late Charley Green of Henryetta, Okla.

Shannon was also nominated the Basketball Queen of the Year.

Melinda Taryole, 18 years, was the Senior Basketball attendant. Melinda has been the Student Council, Sec. and Treas., Pep Club, Cheerleader, (2 years) F.H.A. 2 years, Washington D.C. close-up, which was an educational trip to learn how government works., Principals Honor Roll, 2 years. Melinda is planning on going to Carl Albert Junior College. Melinda is also planning on running for the Creek Nation Princess and is 15/16 creek.

CREEK NATION
PRINCESS PAGEANT
APPLICATION
DEADLINE APRIL 14

Tim Long

Tim Long Performs in D.C. Concert

Pianist Tim Long, 17, a Creek-Choctaw and senior at Norman High School appeared with the Beethoven Society Orchestra in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, March 2, in a special concert featuring American Indian artists.

Long is appearing at the invitation of the Sixth District Congressman Glenn English. The Oklahoma State Society is a co-sponsor of the concert being presented by the Beethoven Society at the Capital Hilton.

Long played the Mendelsohn's Concerto No. 1 in G Minor accompanied by the Beethoven Society Orchestra.

The young musician has performed as a soloist with the Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra and is principal oboist with the Oklahoma Youth Orchestra and and All-State Orchestra.

He plays oboe, flute, clarinet, saxophone, English horn, trumpet, French horn, euphonium, tuba, mallet percussion, violin, cello and piano.

In addition, Tim is active in sports, having played football, track and weightlifting.

"This young musician, whose accomplishments already are very impressive, has had the opportunity to perform with some of the finest musicians in the country," English said.

Long is the son of Fred and Stella Long of Norman (originally from the Holdenville area) and the grandson of the late George Long, a Methodist minister who also served on the Creek Council.

Creek Photographer Featured in Communications Magazine

Howard T. Ranier, a Toas Pueblo and Creek Indian photographer was featured in the January/February issue of Communications Arts Magazine. Ranier, whose work represents comtemporary Indian life, is featured with one photo on the cover and 18 color photos inside. Ranier's subjects are mostly of senior tribal members representing tribes across the United States. Ranier said many of these Indians had never been photographed before.

Bacone Celebrates 106th Anniversary With Special Founder's Day Program

CREEK NATION SECOND CHIEF PERRY BEAVER was among the dignitaries of the Bacone College in Muskogee who attended the Founder's Day activities held at Bacone on February 9. The college ws founded in 1880 in Tahlequah, Indian Territory, and moved to the Muskogee location in 1885. As part of the special Founder's Day program, a Rededication Ceremony was held to commemmorate the gift of 160 acres of land, over 100 years ago, to the College from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation with the emphasis of educating American Indians.

By Kathryn Bell

Second Chief Perry Beaver, representing Chief Cox and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, were among dignitaries attending the Founder's Day Celebration at Bacone on February 9.

Despite freezing temperatures, the 106th Anniversary program was carried out with a good attendance, including Dr. William K. Cober, Executive Director of the National Ministries, American Baptist Churches of the U.S.A., in Valley Forge, Pa. Dr. Cober made Rededication Remarks during the ceremony, as well as remarks during the Dedication of the West Gate - "The opening of this gate represents an open call to Indian people to enter this institution for education," said Cober.

The Dedication at the West Gate commemorated the 160 acre gift of land from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to the Baptist Home Mission Board in 1881 for the purpose of educating American Indian students from all tribal nations. A plaque bearing these words was erected at the West Gate. During this Dedication, Second Chief Perry Beaver responded on behalf of Creek Nation - "We, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation are proud to be apart of this institution, particularly with education being a priority of the Creek Nation. We are proud that Indians from all over the United States attend Bacone. It is an honor for us to participate in ceremonies today."

Dr. Cober, who recounted the history of Bacone during the ceremony, stated that he had met with Chief Claude Cox three years ago and at that time a verbal reaffirmation of the gift was the historic 160 acres to Bacone 100 years ago, was made between the Bacone administration and Creek Nation. "The Creek Nation's grant of 160 acres was done out of a sense of generosity and with a sense of vision for Indian education," said Cober, who also emphasized the Christian heritage of the college - "We are proud that Bacone also has a Christian heritage and that the school cherishes it's Indian heritage and the Indian concept of the gift of life and respect for the environment. We want to be apart of this rich heritage and values." Currently there are 53 tribes represented as well as many other diverse cultures and nationalities at Bacone.

Founder's Day activities began at 4:30 p.m. with the West Gate Dedication with the following participating - Second Chief Beaver, Reaves Nahwooksy, Norman, Chairman of the Bacone Board of Trustees and Dr. Cober.

A Rededication Ceremony was held on campus in the church chapel with Beaver, Dr. Cober and Alfred O. Ginkel, President of Bacone, giving remarks. The Organ Prelude was given by Jeanne Kirk, the Lord's Prayer was performed by Ruth James, vocalist and Dr. W. Richard West, of the Art Dept. of Bacone, giving the prayer in sign language; the Invocation was given by Rev. Kim Mammedaty, pastor of the Bacone College Baptist Church; Dr. Kenneth L. Collins, Director of Development at the college, gave the Welcome and Introduction of Honored Guests; a Litany was performed by Marilynn Kish, President of the Bacone Professional Association.

Reaves Nahwooksy gave the Prayer of Rededication that was scheduled to be given at the Stone Pulpit on Campus, but due to the bad weather, was held in the Chapel. A reception followed at 6:15 p.m. in Wacoche Dining Hall.

LETTER TO THE CREEKS
From Reverend Ernest Best

We greet you in the holy and righteous name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself as a ransom for our sins.

As we look toward Easter, we should meditate upon its meaning. "God commended his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8. Jesus was a prophet, a great teacher, and a perfect example in the life he lived, but his purpose in coming to earth was to die a sacrificial death to pay for the sins of men.

Jesus said as he came close to the hour of his suffering, "Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour; but for this cause came I unto this hour." "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit." Had he lived a sinless life, taught many, marvelous things, healed the sick, raised the dead, and then gone back to heaven without dying, we would be without hope of forgiveness for our sins.

Our salvation was very expensive...much more than the silver and gold of this world could purchase. It was purchased with the precious blood of the son of God. Many of us don't esteem our salvation very highly, but count it an ordinary thing. Even as we try, I'm afraid our finite minds cannot comprehend the cost of our salvation, yet the scriptures give many details of the awful cost involved. It cost God his Son. It cost Jesus his exalted place in heaven, to become a man and suffer as a servant, and be obedient until death...even his horrible death on the cross.

Yes, Easter is a joyous time! We have much to celebrate...the resurrection, spring, and new life. But before the resurrection, there was the suffering and death. Before the young plant comes forth in spring, the seed has fallen into the ground and died. Before we can experience new life, we must accept the sacrifice which Jesus paid on calvary for our sins.

During the past two months, I have been busy visiting churches which support this ministry. I have preached and shown slides in 13 churches. God has given some great meetings, with many feeling the burden for missions, and responding with prayer and committment of their lives to the lord. We also saw one young lady accept the Lord as her Savior, for which we praise God. My wife and I also attended a camp meeting in Bro. Jack Wood's church, in Houston, Texas. What a joy it was to be in those services and hear God's word preached.

As we continue to serve God and endeavor to follow his leadership, we stand amazed at his working through his holy spirit in the way he leads us step by step through this wilderness. Peter wrote in 1 Peter 2:11, "Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims..." This is what the servants of God becomes in this world...a stranger and a pilgrim. We scarely have time to see our family or develope many friendships. We are continually in the lands of strangers. Yet, we are pressing toward a city whose builder and maker is God. *More than anything* we want to point others to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are now about to start our year working with our Indian people. We will begin with the Sioux, with two weeks on the Pine Ridge reservation, in South Dakota, in revival and Bible conference. Our year is planned through the end of November. We will be getting our schedule to those who have requested it as soon as possible

We thank each of you for your faithfulness to this ministry to the native Americans. May God richly bless each of you.

Your Missionaries to the
North American Indians
Brother Ernest and Bennie Best

CHIEF COX, BERNICE WATSON, AND CHUBBY ANDERSON accept Plaques of Appreciation for their part in distributing toys to Creek children through the Ayuda Toy Drive, an inmate-operated program from the Rahway State Prison. Rick Rowe, originator and Director of the Ayuda Project, sent the plaque to Creek Nation. The plaque bears the inscription - "In grateful appreciation for your outstanding help and consideration for all less fortunate children..." Chubby Anderson is the head of the Creek Nation JTPA program and Mrs. Watson is on staff with the Department.

THE FIRST PLACE WINNERS IN THE ELDERLY SWEETHEART CONTEST, sponsored by the Elderly Nutrition Program, are Dr. Frank Belvin and Thelma Derrisaw. Second Runners-Up in the Contest were Willie Goolen and Elizabeth Tarpalechee.

OIC Sweetheart Contest Winners

Winners in the 1986 Sweetheart Contest, sponsored by the Okmulgee Indian Community and held at the Complex Dining Hall, included; BOYS - (0-12 months) Justin Lee Jones, 6 months; (13 months-2 years) Kirby Lee Jennings, 2; (3-5 years) Jonah Hutke Fleener, 3; (6-9 years) None; (10-12 years) Shandae Checotah, 12.

In the Girls Division, the winners in their respective age brackets were; Gina Fleener, 2; Melanie Jean Edwards, 3; Fudgie Harrison, 7, and Victoria Lynn Kelly, 12.

Bacone Selects Creek for Dean of Students

Bill Barnett, a Creek - Seminole of Shawnee, Okla., a 1956 Bacone graduate, has been named the new Dean of Students at Bacone College, effective Feb. 11. Barnett will be responsible for the areas of counseling, student housing, student activities, security and health.

He received his master's degree in guidance and counseling and his bachelor's degree in health and physical education from Northeastern and State University, Tahlequah, Okla. He has taken course work towards his doctorate at the University of New Mexico at Albuquerque.

Barnett has been the owner of Indian Nations Gift Shop in Shawnee since 1983. From 1980-83, he was the director of TRIO Programs at Seminole Junior College, Seminole, Okla.

He was an assistant professor and director of Upward Bound at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee from 1975-80, where he was also the head coach of the women's basketball team and a counselor to Native American students. From 1974-75 he was a curriculum specialist in the Multi-Cultural Enrichment Program at the University of Albuquerque.

From 1969-71 he was employed at Bacone as an industrial arts instructor, assistant coach of the men's basketball team, counselor, and head coach of the cross country and track teams. He was the associate director of Special Services programs for two years, and held the position of president of the Bacone Alumni Association from 1968-71,

Creek Nation Seeks Princess Applicants

The Creek Nation Princess Committee is seeking applications nationwide for the 1986 Creek Nation Princess Pageant. This year the pageant will be held on April 22, at the Creek Nation Mound Auditorium.

Contestants must be 1/4 degree Creek blood, a Junior in High School to a Junior in College not the exceed the age of 22 years old, never been married, or have children. Talent can either be traditional or contemporary.(The Lord's Prayer in sign language will not be accepted as talent.)

The Creek Nation Princess will receive a scholarship of $500 and a gift of $300. The first runner-up will receive a gift of $200, and the second runner-up will receive $100. Each escort winner will receive $25. This year consolation gifts will be given to all contestant participants.

The deadline for applicant entry will be April 14th. Contestants should submit a photo with their application. If the contestant wishes her photo to be in the Muscogee Nation News, the photo should be sent before March 17th.

For applications and further information, contact Rachel Thomas, Creek Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, (918) 756-8700.

First Indian Woman Selected for Mayor

Julene Kennerly, an Indian woman from Montana, was featured in the January 16, 1986 issue of USA Today as the first female, Indian mayor of a U.S. city. Kennerly 45, wife of the late state Representative Leo Kennerly Jr., was elected to the non-paid position last fall. Her goal as mayor is to revive the Blackfeet Indian reservation city of Browning. Kennerly said of her new position, "I really want to restore the pride within Browning and the dignity that we all deserve."

Family Celebration Marks 81st Birthday

Cainey Roberts celebrated his 81st birthday Saturday, at his home in the Nuyaka Community. Cainey was born February 10, 1905 in Indian Territory.

Mr. Roberts had four girls, one deceased and three boys. Patsy Pidgeon, Judy Roberts, Patty Factor, Carney Roberts, Roy Roberts, and Cainey Roberts Jr.

The birthday was celebrated by eating cake and ice cream and opening gifts.

Those helping to celebrate the occasion were, his wife, Stella Roberts, Elmer and Mahalie Jones, Adam and Joann Thomas, Barton and Shawn Williams, Harry and Geneva Douglas, Bruce and Alisha Douglas, Walter Jones, Paul Jones, Glenn and Liz Jones, Jennifer, Brenda and Scottie Jones, Carolyn and Tammy Thomas, Willie, Steve, Beverly, and Sandra Pidgeon, Howell Grayson, Lou Glenn, and Matthew Factor, Jerome, Matthew, Sonny Ruth and Lorene Roberts, Bodie and Booger Roberts.

Elderly
Easter Dinner
Thursday,
March 27

Complex Dining
Hall

CONTESTANTS IN THE 1986 SWEETHEART CONTEST,sponsored by the Okmulgee Indian Community, and held recently in the Complex Dining Hall, included; bottom row, left to right, Elizabeth Keith, Melanie Edwards, Ronald Parker, Kirby Lee Jennings, Amber Smith. Second row, left to right, Fudgie Harrison, Annie Thomas, Tessie Jimboy, Melissa Deeringwater, Senora Manley, and third row, left to right, Martha Chalakee, who represented Jonah and Gina Fleener (who were ill), Shandae Checotah, Jantzen McNac and mother, Jackie, Victoria Lynn Kelly and Justin Jones and mother, Jenice.

Indian Profiles:

National Indian Rodeo Finals/Powwow Draws Many Interesting Personalities

By Rita Williams

Brad Fish, Creek bull rider, was one of many contestants who struggled to make it to the 1985 Indian National Finals held in Albuquerque New Mexico, February 13-16. 1986.

At the early age of ten, Brad began to ride bulls and rodeo, borrowing his friends FFA cards to ride in the FFA shows. Brad's older brother Jerry is a bull rider and according to Brad has been the inspiration for the sport.

Brads first big win was when he was 18, at Firebird Lake, Scottsdale, Ariz., where he won $1100. "This gave me the confidence to go on, but I was still doing it mostly for fun."

Brad's ultimate dream was to finally get to the Indian National Finals Rodeo and having accomplished his dream he says, "he will continue to try and come back again and again."

To qualify for the Indian National Finals, Brad had to be a year end winner and winner of the Regions Eight held in Tahlequah Oklahoma, August 1985.

Although injury is a part of any sport such as Rodeo, particularly the dangers involved in bull-riding, Brad has been very fortunate in that he has not been injured seriously.

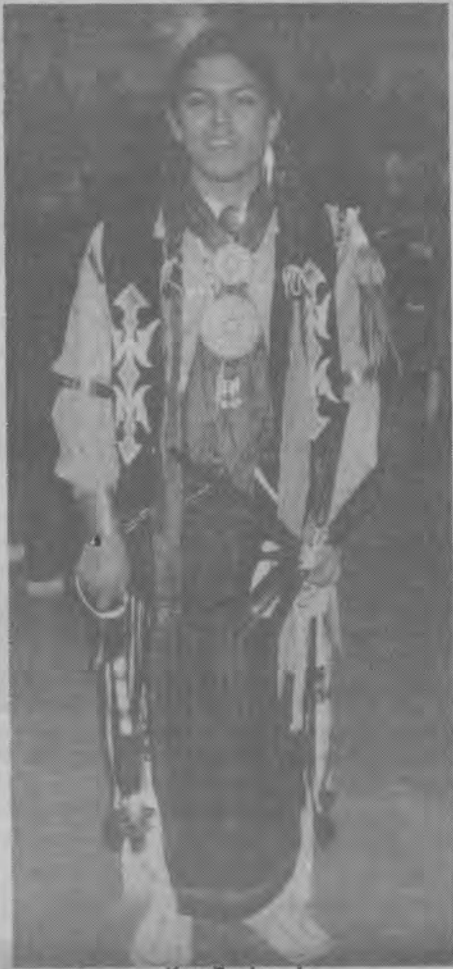
Brad finds encouragement and support from his wife, Casandra who is expecting their fourth child. "The money has never been the idea of Brads riding, its the fun," she said, "he will probably continue to ride until he is eighty."

Although Brad believes that winning is extremely important in his advice to the upcoming Rodeo participants he tells them, "not to lose sight of just having fun." "Have fun, stay sober and believe in God." he said.

Even though he fits the rough-tough cowboy image, he has an inner quality of being soft-spoken and has a gentle way about him that is not showy nor rowdy.

Brad and Casandra live in Harrah, Oklahoma with their three children, Christina 8, Amanda 7, Melonie 6 and like all fathers he hopes the fourth will be a son, "I will never make him ride bulls, even tho it may please me, this is something that you have to make up in your own heart." said the wise father.

Brad Fish



Ken Taylor, Jr.

One of the main events of the Indian National Finals held in Albuquerque New Mexico this year, was the Powwow.

You will find many interesting participants in this event, one of these is Ken Taylor Jr, a Traditional Oklahoma Straight Dancer. Taylor an Oklahoma born Creek, who now lives in Santa Fe, New Mexico competes every year in the Pow-Wow competition.

Beadworking is Taylor's first love and his ultimate dream is to have his own shop and "preferably marry a Creek girl who will assist him in his beadwork," he laughed. His skill as a beadworker has gotten him many jobs with well known people such as balladeer, Dan Fogleberg. Ken started his beadwork at the age of eight.

In his spare time, Ken works on his regalia, which has taken him two years and has not completed yet. He went on to explain that each piece has sentimental value. "My shirt is made from a curtain that belonged to my grandfather."

Ken feels that if you acquire each piece of your regalia thoughtfully it will mean more to you than if you buy the entire costume - "such as the otter wraps were found by searching flea markets, garage sales and discarded furs in dumpsters."

The nice looking 23 year old Taylor, also known as Ken Taylor-Standing Deer (in honor of his grandmother) is unmarried and his parents are, Kenneth and Lou Ann Taylor, Native Oklahomans, now living California.

Kens father is the well known Kenneth R. Taylor, whose paternal parents are the late Hully Taylor and Alice Taylor of Schulter, Oklahoma.

Indian Athletes Calendar Available

By Our Very Own Tommy Cummings, Muscogee Phoenix Sports Editor

James McIntosh of Hulbert didn't want the athletic exploits of American Indians to go unnoticed.

So what began as research material for a book has resulted in the publication of "The First Americans Sports Calendar 1986," a tribute to American Indians who have made significant contributions to American sports history.

"Altogether, it's taken me about 2½ years to put this together," said McIntosh, 33, a graduate of Northeastern State University. "I think it's already successful just for the fact I've gotten it printed."

Each calendar month features a photograph of an outstanding Indian athlete or team. Historical notes are included on the specific dates and events that occurred in American Indian sports history.

Among the highlighted dates: Jan. 3 - when Jack Jacobs, a Creek Indian who was an all-state fullback for Muskogee Central High School and went on to play for the University of Oklahoma between 1939-41, threw a touchdown pass in the East-West All-Star game.

Jan. 25, 1950 - when an Associated Press poll of sports writers and broadcasters named Jim Thorpe, a Sac & Fox/Potawatomi, the "greatest football player thus far this century (1900-50);" July 15, 1912 - when Thorpe won the decathalon during the Olympics held in Stockholm, Sweden; Sept. 6, 1951 - birthdate of Alex "Sonny" Sixkiller, a Cherokee who quarterbacked the University of Washington Huskies and led the nation in passing in 1970.

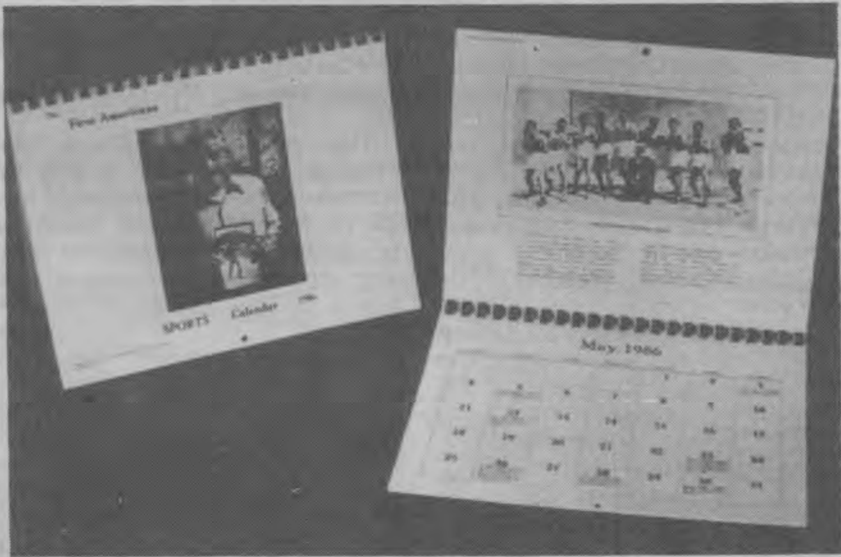
Sept. 28, 1951 - when Allie Reynolds, a Creek who played for the New York Yankees, pitched a no-hitter against the Boston Red Sox to clinch the American League pennant; Nov. 21, 1921, - when the Haskell Indians were defeated by Notre Dame, 42-7. However, the Indians made more first downs on the Irish than Army, Navy, Nebraska and Rutgers combined; Dec. 26, 1927 - when Oklahoma's Hominy Indians defeated the National Football League's New York Giants, 13-6 at Pawhuska.

"There's more out there I'd like to find," said McIntosh who got the idea for his project from an off-hand suggestion among friends. "I'd like to get enough names, places and dates to someday write a book."

McIntosh said anyone wanting to purchase the calendar can send $12 in check or money order to James McIntosh, American Indian Athletic Research, Rt. 3, Box 32, Hulbert, 74441.

MNN EDITOR NOTE: Not mentioned in the article is Tom Fields, Creek-Cherokee, who has been actively working with McIntosh throughout the project. Fields is a well-known Indian photographer whose works have been viewed across the U.S. He helped develop a slide show and photographic exhibit for McIntosh's Athletic Research Program and sat in on numerous interviews shooting photographs.

American Indian Athletes
CALENDAR



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Sorry, no C.O.D.'s and please do not send cash.

DR. ELLIOT HOWE, JR. with patient Cindy Cushman, performs a routine checkup at his recently-opened family medical practice in Okemah.

Creek Physician Opens Family Practice In Okemah And Serves Creek Hospital

By Kathryn Bell

Dr. Elliot Howe, Jr., a Creek M.D., has opened a family medical practice (August 12) at 120 S. 4th St. in Okemah.

Howe, certified in family practice, sees from 15-20 patients, Indian and non-Indian, daily and hopes eventually to increase his case load to 30 patients a day and to bring in another physician to assist him. He also makes referrals to the Creek Nation Community Hospital. According to the doctor, this has been one of the main objectives for establishing his private practice - "My aim is to rebuild the Creek Nation Community Hospital to serve everyone in the community and Okemah." He said that this objective would aid in "building bridges" of good relations with the community and the hospital and would ultimately benefit Creek Nation. Howe is still affiliated with the hospital through his emergency room coverage there.

Howe received assistance to attend medical school through the Oklahoma Physicians Manpower Commission and a matching grant from the Creek Nation. The Commission sends doctors to rural areas or other areas where physicians are not readily available to serve the needs of that area.

Expressing his appreciation for the grant that Creek Nation provided, Howe praised Chief Cox and the Creek Nation, as well as the Creek people for their support in helping him to complete his medical training. Howe also thanked the Commission for it's important role in allowing an opportunity for medical students to enter the medical profession.

Howe, a 1973 graduate of Edison High School in Tulsa, attended the University of Oklahoma where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry in 1978.

He entered the OU Medical School and completed his course in 1982. He has also completed three years of residence family practice at the University of Oklahoma Tulsa Medical College.

Howe is the son of Elliot Howe, Creek Nation Supreme Court Justice and Imelda Jane Howe, a nurse by profession, and the grandson of Samuel Shepherd Howe of Virginia. He is also the grand nephew of Creek poet Alexander Posey.

An active member of local civic and community organizations, such as the Lion's Club and Okemah Chamber of Commerce, Howe enjoys traveling and water sports, particularly diving, which ties in with his interest in marine biology and ecology. Howe attends the Roman Catholic Church.

C.N. Princess Rhonda Richards Recruiting Pageant Candidates

C.N. Princess Rhonda Richards with actress Nia Peeples at the Miss Indian U.S.A. Pageant held in Washington, D.C. last November.

TO CREEK YOUNG WOMEN:

I would like to encourage all young Creek women to run for Creek Princess. It is a great experience and opens many doors and also is a way to get involved with Creek people and learn of your culture and the many things it has to offer.

I felt very priviledged to be honored as Creek Princess for the year 1985-86, the appreciation I feel goes beyond words. Most important of all, I would like to thank those who have suppported me.

I do hope that in the eyes of my people I have done well. I am interested in helping my tribe, someday I hope to be in the position where I have the power to help all Indian people and for now I will carry on learning from my elders. They are most important and hold the key to the past and future, we must take what they have given us along with what we know and let that knowledge take our Indian people to higher ground.

CREEK NATION PRINCESS
RHONDA RICHARDS

C.N. Princess Pageant Application Deadline April 14

On April 22 the Creek Nation Princess Pageant will be held in the Creek Nation Mound Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of Creek Nation Princess is to inspire young Creek women between the ages of 17 and 22 to represent Creek Nation as a good will ambassador. The position also encourages the young women to learn more about their Creek heritage.

Jugding will be in the areas of personality, poise and talent. Talent can be in speaking, singing, dancing, musical instrument, or any creative talent such as beadwork, sewing. Talent can either be contemporary or traditional.

The Pageant Committee encourages the communities to support the pageant and contestants by attending the event. Last years competition was outstanding in talent. This year we are expecting the talent to be more diversifed.

Application deadline is April 14, contact Rachel Thomas at the Creek Nation Complex.

As of this date candidates are, Melissa Burgess age 17, 7/16 Creek, daughter of Monroe and Esther Burgess, Rt. 3 Okmulgee. Melissa attends Wilson High School.

Melinda Taryole, 17, 15/16 Creek, daughter of Sonny and Betsy Taryole, Henryetta. Melinda attends Henryetta High School.

Penny Baker, 18, 1/2 Creek, is the daughter of George and Wanda Baker of Sapulpa. She is a Senior at Mounds High.

Shannon Rogers, 17, 1/4 Creek, daughter of Norman and Paulette Rogers. Shannon attends Henryetta High School.

Tonya Berryhill, 18, 4/4 Creek, daughter of Rev. Tom and Jean Berryhill, Okmulgee. Tonya attends Okmulgee High School.

Shelley Mitchell, 17, 1/4 Creek, daughter of Tom and Elaine Mitchell, Okmulgee. Shelley attends Okmulgee High School.

Penny Baker

Shelley Mitchell

OBITUARIES

ANNIE SPANIARD

Annie Ida Spaniard, 89 year-old resident of Hannah, died at a Tulsa hospital Monday, February 17.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at the Weogufgee Missionary Baptist Church. Burial in Weogufkee Cemetery will be under the direction of Buckley Funeral Home of Wetumka.

Mrs. Spaniard was born July 29,, 1896 in Indian Territory near Hannah. She attended Eufaula Boarding School and Bacone College in Muskogee, and married Simon Spaniard in Dustin in 1920, who preceeded her in death in 1963. An active member of the Weogufkee Missionary Baptist Church for over 70 years, Mrs. Spaniard was a women's elder. She also held many offices in the Muskogee, Seminole, and Wichita Indian Baptist Association.

Survivors include a son, Andrew Spaniard of Okmulgee; one grandson, Michael Spaniard of Okmulgee; three granddaughters, Andra Bamett and Kogee Davis of Okmulgee, and Karen Barnett of Coweta; 10 great grandchildren and one great, great grandson.

MARTIN TARPALECHEE

Martin Tarpalachee, native Okmulgean, died February 21 in Okmulgee.

Born November 24, 1917, he was employed at the T.H. Rogers Lumber Company for 28 years. The World War II United States Army veteran was a member of the Big Cussetah United Methodist Church.

Wake Services were held Sunday, February 23 at 4 p.m. at the Big Cussetah United Methodist Church. Funeral services were held at the church Monday, February 24 at 2 p.m.

Interment was in the Military Circle at the Okmulgee Cemetery under the direction of the Buchanan-McClendon Funeral Home.

Survivors include two brothers, Johnson and Henry Tarpalachee both of Okmulgee; two sisters, Mahaley Jones of Okmulgee and Mulsey Long of Phoenix and a step-daughter, Marion Davis, Okmulgee.

SUZANNA HARJO

Funeral services for Suzanna Harjo were held in the Shurden Chapel with Rev. Jim Alexander officiating, assisted by Rev. Bill Alexander.

Interment was held in Gambler Cemetery under direction of the Shurden Funeral Home of Henryetta.

Mrs. Harjo, who was born Feb.14, 1918 at Henryetta, died Feb.28 in Tulsa. She was a member of Hickory Ground No.1. She was preceeded in death by her husband, Eugene Harjo on July 28, 1954.

Survivors include four sons, Kenneth Harjo of Topeka, Kan., Norman and Paul Harjo of Henryetta and Bruce Harjo of Fairfax; two daughters, Gretchen King of Warner and Vicki Haug of Sapulpa; one brother, Tom Tiger, Tulsa; one sister, Minnie Manley of Checotah and six grandchildren.

JACK HARJO

Services for Jack Harjo, 58, of Hanna were held Friday at 2 p.m. in the Harjo family home,north of Hanna, with the Rev.Coleman Byrd officiating.

Burial was held at Jackson Cemetery at Hanna and pallbearers were Jim Cook, Johnny Billy, Gary Littlehead, Dean Manious, Junior Byrd and Tiny Harjo. Blacks Funeral Home of Eufaula was in charge.

Born March 3, 1927, in Eufaula, Harjo died Tuesday at Eufaula Municipal Hospita and attended Fame School. He was married to Nancy Gouge in March 1949 at Hanna. He was employed by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and McIntosh County for 10 years before retirement in 1975. He was a member of Little Coweta Baptist Church and served in the U.S.Army in World War II.

Survivors include his wife of the home; five daughters, Kizzie Cook, Janetta Harjo, Coleen Harjo and Bernice Harjo, all of Hanna, and Helen Manious of Tulsa; five sons, Daniel of Glenpool, Alex of Tulsa,and Woodrow, Lewis and Leroy, all of Hanna; his mother, Louisa Tarloshaw, of Eufaula; and three brothers George Hawkins of Eufaula, Judy Harjo of Sapulpa, and Paul Harjo of Tulsa.

WILLIAM STEPHENSON

William Irish Stephenson, 77, died Feb. 21 in a Tulsa hospital.

Mr. Stephenson, who was born Aug.20, 1908 at Weleetka had been a resident of the Okmulgee area for a number of years. He was a retired pipefitter with the civil service and a member of the Alabama Baptist Church in Weleetka.

The body was taken to the Alabama Baptist Church at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25 and services were held there at 1:30 p.m Tuesday. Rev. Roley Haynes and Brother Catcher will officiate.

Interment was in the Stephenson Family Cemetery under direction of the Buchanan-McClendon Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Limbo Manley, Red Micco, Eugene Manley, Steve Stephenson, Michael Wisner, Steve Burden, Cecil Gibson, Bud Burden, Orville Jones, Tom Pike, M.B. Hamby, Truman Keck, Randolph Freeny and Walter Moffit.

Survivors include his wife, Billie Stephenson of the home at 810 East 21st, two sons, Wendell Stephenson of Henryetta and Bennie Stephenson of Fort Smith, Ark., four sisters,Augusta Burden of Weleetka, Lucina Nussbuam, Okmulgee, Lillian Jesse and Helen Washington both of Weleetka, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

RALPH VICKERY

Ralph R.Vickery was born January 10, 1929 at Ramona, Oklahoma and died January 10, 1986 at Bakersfield, Oklahoma, where he had resided since 1952.

Ralph grew up at Eufaula. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1946 to 1951. For many years he worked as farm hand to support his family, until he became too ill to work.

He is survived by his children; Linda Marberry, Brenda Blackburn, Kathy Harbin, Karen Turney, and Robert Vickery; sisters,Margaret Floyd, Eufaula and Mamie Beaver, Bakersfield, California; brothers, David, Eufaula and Emanuel Vickery, McLoud; grandmother, May Newport; several grandchildren, and other relatives.

At the request of his daughters, noe service was held. Cremation was by Greenlawn Southwest Mortuary, Bakersfield, California.

LEOLA GRIFFIN

Leola Fife Griffin, 76 year-old resident of Dustin, died Thursday, Feb. 27, at her home.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Monday at the Thewarle Indian Baptist Church south of Henryetta. Rev. Tom Berryhill, Jr., officiated. Interment was in the Fife Family Cemetery under the direction of the Shurden Funeral Home.

Mrs. Griffin was born May 8, 1909 in Dustin and was a member of the Thewarle Baptist Church.

Survivors includes one son, Hully Griffin of Tulsa; one daughter, Polly Hearn of Tulsa; one brother, James Fife of Dustin; and four grandchildren.

STELLA ROBISON

Stella (Mrs. Tommy) Robison, 81 year resident of Paden, passed away in the Prague Hospital at the age of 85. The funeral was held in Prague by the Parks Funeral Home. Stella was active in her church work at the Prague Assembly of God who so graciously fed the family. Rev. Harold Baker, her pastor, gave the history and preached the funeral.

Stella's father, Rev. Niffie Grant, was a Methodist minister from the Paden area. Her mother, a son Jimmy Dale of Houston and husband, Tommy, preceeded her in death.

Surviving are Thomas Robison, Oklahoma City; Amos of Norman; Mrs. Rebecca Lindsey of Wewoka; Frank, B.C., Billy, Rufus all live in the Paden area. Many grandchildren and great-grandchildren are surviving.

Stella will be greatly missed by her many friends, relatives and family.

Interment was in the Paden cemetery.

BRUNETTE TIGER

Services for Mrs. Brunette Tiger, 95, of Tulsa were held Saturday in Carter G. Woodson High School gymnasium.

Burial will be in Mount Bethel Cemetery near Porter with grandsons as pallbearers. Ragsdale Funeral Center of Muskogee will be in charge.

Born Nov.10, 1890, in Denton, Texas, Mrs. Tiger died Feb.21 at her home.

Survivors include three daughters, Ruby Tiger and Doretha Tiger, both of Tulsa and Rose Lee Tiger of Kansas City, Mo.; four sons, Joe Richard, Raymond and J.B., all of Tulsa; and many grandchildren.

PHILLIP W. COON

Services for Phillip William Coon was held Thursday, February 6, at 10 a.m. at the Webb Funeral Home Chapel with Rev J. E. Warn officiating. Coon died Feb 3 at his home.

He was born June 23, 1921 in Seminole County, the son of Tobler and Jemima Coon. He attended Buckeye School and was drafted into the U.S. Army Nov. 25, 1942. Coon served in Germany in 1944. He was transferred to the Philippine Islands and discharged Sept 8, 1946. Upon his return home he married Lula May West Sept. 19, 1946 in Okemah.

Coon was an artist at the time of his death. He was a veteran of World War 11 and a member of Green leaf Indian Baptist Church.

He is survived by seven sons and one daughter; Glen, Burlington, Wisconsin, Amos, Tulsa, Bucky, Oklahoma City, Phillip Jr., Okemah, Stacy, McLoud, and Manuel, Wendell and Janice, Okemah; one sister, Navada Simmers, Okmulgee, and several grandchildren.

Interment was in the family cemetery under the direction of the Webb Funeral Home.

GARY WAYNE BIGPOND

Services were held for Gary W. Bigpond, 32, February 10, at Christ Gospel Church in Tulsa. Rev. Jim Alexander and Rev. Brooks officiated the service.

Gary was born November 26, 1953 in Claremore, Ok. He is survived by his parents Emanuel and Julia Bigpond, Broken Arrow. Two sisters, Gwen and Patricia; two brothers, Lewis Bigpond and Hully Taylor, his wife Wanda and two daughters, Cowache and Duff-a-bee of Washington.

Gary was a member of Christ Gospel Church and Morning Star Music Ministries and Flaming Sword Band. He was employed at Hardee's Restaurant, where he received Employee of the Month in January.

CARD OF THANKS

Our family sincerely appreciates the many expressions of love and concern shown at the loss of our loved one, Annie Spaniard.

The Andrew Spaniard Family

Prayer for the Creek People

By Howard Cooper

This a praver for all the people of the Creek Nation.
Must we stand and fight without any hesitation.
We have been attacked from a state in the nation.
They want to put us on more taxation.
I recall a time when the white men came,
they only wanted to fish and hunt wild game.
Then we fought and the soldiers came.
So we moved west to a new land,
to grow corn, fish, hunt and make a new stand.

So the government made a treaty
with all the civilized Indian peoples.
This new land will be ours as long as the grass grows
the river flows and our churches have steeples.
Then a war between the states, so then for their
mistakes one half our land they came to take.
So FATHER, we bow or heads to pray some more.
We try to understand. Why us LORD,
why must they take our land.

Later on they found oil on our brushy hills.
We thought surely we were in our FATHER'S will.
Then the government cried, quarter sections
for all you must divide. Again, FATHER we prayed.
So on our new land we stayed.

Then in 1971 we voted for our Chief, I think he
has worked hard to get us off relief.
To make jobs for all Indian people.
So we raised our heads once more
to see your steeple.

Now as things are looking up, the state
where we now lives says we must give it up.
No more bingo, no more jobs.
No more homes, just live in logs.
Let us wake up our people.
We pay our taxes and the church still has a steeple.
THANK YOU LORD!

Muscogee National Council Approved Minutes January 1986

CALL TO ORDER: Carney Roberts, Speaker

ROLL CALL: A Quroum was declared with twenty six members attending this Quarter Session of January 25, 1986. Roll Call was as follows:

Dan Barnett-Present
Roy Bear-Present
Johnson Buck-Present
Robert Hardridge-Present
Clyde Johnson-Present
Frank Kamp-Present
Richard Larney-Present
Jerry Wilson-Present
Carney Roberts-Present
Delbert Dunn-Present
Alexandar Thomas-Present
Earl Wheeler-Present
Barton Williams-Present
Jonas Dunson-Present
Larry Bible-Present
Dorothy Miller-Present
Mickey Primeaux-Present
Robert Buck-Present
Kenneth Childers-Present
Helen Chupco-Present
Pat Clark-Present
Harley Little-Present
Sandy McIntosh-Present
Irene Cleghorn-Present
Betty Foster-Present
Joe Fox-Present
Anthony Hale-Present
Leah Stacy-Present

The Speaker declared that any and all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

INTRODUCTION/PRESENTATIONS. Carney Roberts made three presentations of Certificate of Appreciation to three tribal citizens who participated in the Inauguration of the 1986-87 District Representative; and one employee. Those persons being; Robert Herrod, Employee, Matthew Roberts, Okfuskee District and Jonlea Willie, Okmulgee District.

READINGS OF THE MINUTES. The minutes of December 28, 1985 Regular Scheduled Meeting and the January 11, 1986 Extra-Ordinary Session had been mailed prior to this session.

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION.

A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Johnson to approve both sets of minutes as read.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being; Twenty -Four in favor, None Against, No Abstentions.

MOTION CARRIED. The minutes of December 28, 1985 Regular Scheduled Meeting and January 11, 1986 Extra-Ordinary Session was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS. 1. Old Business-None. 2. New Business-None.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO PLACE ITEMS 1-A; 1-B; 1-C; and 1-D on the Agenda for consideration.

A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Buck to place these items on the Agenda for Consideration.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being; Twenty-four in Favor, None Against, No Abstentions.;

1-A A Bill Authorizing and Establishing the Cultural Education Program From the FY-86 Tribal Budget. This Bill was introduced by request of the Principal Chief and assigned to the Committee on Human Development.

The Bill was read and considered as follows:

SECTION 101. FINDINGS. The National Council approved the first phase of a three year project to develop motion picture regarding the history of the Muscogee (Creek) people..

B. During FY-84-85, the Communications and Graphic Services Department began the development process of Cultural Education material.

C. It is the desire of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to continue the project in FY-86.

Section 102. Funds for the project are authorized from Cultural Education funds as follows;

Consultants, $35,000, Promotion and Production, $32,764.53, Travel and Office Expense, $5000, Research Analysist, $11,190.40, Fringe Benefits, $3,413.07, Total, $87,368.08.

Section 103. The Principal Chief is authorized to modify the line items in Section 102 not to exceed 10%.

Section 104. This Ordinance shall expire on September 30, 1986 THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED DISCUSSION.

Barnett, Chairman of the Committee shall expire on September 30,1986. THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED DISCUSSION.

Barnett, Chairman of the Committee on Human Development advised that this line item been to Committee and was reviewed thoroughly and that it was the decision of the Committee to place it on the Agenda for Consideration with a recommendation of a "DO PASS".

THE CHAIR CALLED FOR "THE QUESTION".

QUESTION.

A roll call vote was taken with the results sbeing; Twenty Four in Favor, None against, No Absention.

MOTION CARRIED. 1-A A Bill Authorizing and Establishing the Cultural Education Program from the 1986 Tribal Budget was approved by a unanimous vote of approval and shall be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

1.B A Bill making specific assurances for the purpose of the 1986 application for the Community Development Block Grant, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development was introduced by request of the Principal Chief and assigned to the Committee on Community services.

The Bill was read and considered as follows:

SECTION 101. FINDINGS. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has been invited (by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) to submit an application for a grant to fund certain Community Development Block Grant Program Activities.

SECTION 102. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby assures the U.S.Department of Housing and Urban Development that:

A. Prior to the submission of the application, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has been prepared and followed a written citizen participation plan which provides Muscogee (Creek) citizens especially those living in the areas where activities are proposed or ongoing, with adequate information concerning the amount of the range of activities that may be assisted, and the most highly rated activities under the approved rating systems, and has advised them of other important program requirements; and has solicited their review and participation.

B. Prior to the submission of the application, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has followed traditional tribal means of citizen involvement that meets the standards required in Subpart "B" as well as this Ordinance, which provided adequate opportunity to articulate needs, activities, assist in the selection of priorities, and otherwise participate in the development application.

C. The Muscogee Nation certifies that the citizen participation requirements of 24 CFR 571.604 have been met.

SECTION 103. No part of this Ordinance shall be construed to restrict the responsibility and authority of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation tribal Government for the development of the application and the execution of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Accordingly, the citizen participation requirments of this Ordinance do not include concurrence by any person or group involved in citizen participation in making final determination concerning the funding and contents of the application. The sole responsibility and authority to make such final determination rest exclusively with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Government.

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SECTION 104. Based upon the foregoing participation process, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall include the following proposed programs in the 1986 Application for Community Development Block Grant Funds:

A. McIntosh/Creek District...Housing Rehabilitation

SECTION 105. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation assumes all responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1968 for environmental review, decision making and any action that would apply to the Secretary, where the Secretary is to undertake these tribal projects as federal projects. The sovereign immunity for the Nation is waived only for the purpose of this section, and only declaratory, injunctive or equitable relief from the Courts of the Muscogee Nation; provided that claims against the treasury of the Muscogee Nation are not permitted by this section.

SECTION 106. This Ordinance shall expire on the 15th day of June, 1987.

The Bill having been read, the chair entertained a motion.;

A Motion was made by Childers and seconded by Larney to approve the BILL as read.

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED DISCUSSION.

Chupco, Chairman of the Committee on Community Services advised that this item had been to Committee and was discussed thoroughly and comes out of Committee with a recommendation of a "DO PASS".

THE CHAIR CALLED FOR THE QUESTION.

QUESTION.

A roll call Vote was taken with the results being; Twenty Four in Favor, None Against, No abstentions.

MOTION CARRIED. BILL 1-B was approved as read and shall be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

1-C A BILL entitled as "An Amendment to NCA 84-35 Providing Authorizing for Tribal Contracts to Provide Services and Programs for Fiscal year 1986".

The BILL was read and considered as follows:

SECTION 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 85-35 as amended is hereby further amended as follows: Section 103. (A) (1) (a) (Retaining existing language) and add; "Basic Government Development"

SECTION 102. This Ordinance shall expire on September 30, 1986.

THE BILL HAVING BEEN READ, THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION.

A motion was made by Helen Chupco and seconded by Pat Clark to approve as read.

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED DISCUSSION.

Stacy, Chairman, Committee on Business and Govermental Services advised that this BILL had been to Committee and came out of that Committee with a recommendation of a "DO PASS" with stipulations; however these stipulations weren't included in this proposed BILL.

Therefore, it was her recommendation at this time that this BILL be returned to Committee to redraft the bill to include the recommended stipulations.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by McIntosh that this BILL (1-C) be returned to Committee.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-One in Favor, Three Against, No Abstentions, Betty Foster, Anthony Hale, Earl Wheeler.

MOTION CARRIED. BILL (1—C) will be returned to committee.

1-D A Bill Approving a Farming and Grazing Lease between the Muscogee Nation and Lloyd Mitchell. This Bill was introduced by Request of the Principal Chief and assigned to the Committee on Tribal Affairs.

The BILL was read and considered as follows;

Section 101. The Farming and Grazing Lease between the Muscogee Nation and Lloyd Mitchell of Wagoner, Oklahoma, is hereby approved for the following described lands; "Seventy-Nine (79) acres in the East-Half, Northwest Quarter, Section Twenty-Eight, Township Eighteen North, Range Seventeen East".

Section 102. The leasee (Lloyd Mitchell) promises to pay $3,250 annually upon approval of this lease which begins January 1,1986, and expires on December 31, 1987.

The BILL having been read the Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Buck to approve the BILL as read.

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED DISCUSSION.

Sandy McIntosh, Chairman of the Committee on Tribal Affairs, advised that this BILL had came through Committee and was discussed thoroughly and that it was the recommendation of this committee that it be placed on the agenda for consideration with a recommendation of a "DO PASS".

THE CHAIR CALLED FOR THE QUESTION.

QUESTION.

A roll call was taken with the results being;

Twenty Four in Favor, None Against, No Abstentions

MOTION CARRIED. BILL (1-D) was approved as read and shall be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

QUARTERLY REPORTS: The Quarterly Reports had mailed out prior to this meeting.

The Speaker called on Gary Breshears, Executive Director to give the report for this quarter.

Mr. Breshears introduced members of each Division and opened the floor for discussion. Many questions were asked and he advised the Council that if any members had any questions regarding the reports, he and the staff would make themselves available to answer questions, and that the offices of the Administration would be open from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and they woul d be more than welcome to drop by the office.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Planning Session date was set for February 13, 1986 at 5:30 p,.m. in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT: Unanimous vote of approval.

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Creek/Seminole State Legislator Honored

KELLY HANEY (second from left) WITH FRIENDS AT HIS APPRECIATION DINNER- (pictured left to right) Creek Second Chief Perry Beaver, Kelly's Mom, Hattie Haney; Glen Johnson, State Representative District 24; and Stephen Lewis, State Representative District 27.

By Helen Chalakee

"You can make a difference in the political system," Oklahoma State Representative Kelly Haney told the United Indian Nations in Oklahoma (UINO) at a dinner in his honor held April 3 in Shawnee. "Indian people are interested in everything everybody else is interested in, health, education, employment," related the 43 year old Seminole Creek.

Kelly is currently serving a second term as representative for District 28, Seminole County. He announced his intentions of running for State Senate in the upcoming state elections. He says he feels confident in his choice for the Senate.

Recounting his first campaign, Kelly said, "It was a lot of fun and a lot of hard work." He declares his *mother, Hattie, to be his most* resourceful supporter; although, at first she wasn't too happy about him running for office. He also credited his friend, Joe Cully, for his loyalty to the campaign, especially for having a waiting car when Kelly was out knocking on doors and being chased by biting dogs.

kelly Haney really believes what is good for Indians is good for Oklahoma. His legislative collegues are proud to serve with him and openly admit he has won the respect of everyone he works with at the state capitol.

Unassuming, Kelly said hundreds of new voters registered when he ran for the House seat and he expects to see more new registrations when he runs for Senate. Encouraging the Indian people to participate and vote in elections, he assured them their votes count. . ."they got me elected."

CREEK NATION CHEF JIMMY JONES GRILLS STEAKS FOR THE ANNUAL CN ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM EASTER DINNER held at the Complex on March 26. Over 205 elderly from the Creek Nation area and other visiting elderly from various tribes were in attendance at the dinner which featured a delicious menu of Charcoaled Steak and Baked Potato. The Reverend Joe Washington gave the Opening Address. Special guests were the local AARP Chapter, the Cherokee Nation elderly and the Western Oklahoma Delaware Tribe's elderly with their director Georgette Brown. A videotape was shown and after the Dinner an Easter Egg Hunt was held on the tribal grounds.

-Housing Authority Notice-

The CN Housing Authority will be holding meetings for families that have not had an opportunity to participate in the Mutual-Help Home Ownership Program. The meetings will inform the people who have applied and not received a home, what steps they need to take to up-date their application, and what documents will be required for those who have not made application. Program guidelines will also be discussed.

These meetings are being held for those families that have never had a Mutual-Help home. Persons already having a home and have questions should contact the Housing Authority during business hours. Locations and dates for the meetings will be finalized within thirty (30) days. All interested families should contact their Community chairman to see when meetings will be held.

Summer Youth Program Applications at Bristow

Applications for the Creek Nation Summer Youth Program will be taken at the Bristow Indian Community Center on April 22, from 9 -12 noon. Those interested may sign up at that time.

For more information, contact Kathy Brown, JTPA Program at Creek Nation, 756-8700, Ext. 256. Brochures on the Summer Youth Program are also available at the JTPA office at the Complex.

Muscogee Nation News

The Muscogee Nation News is a montly publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma in the Creek Nation Complex. The office of the MNN is located in the Tribal Mound Building at the Complex.

The purpose of this newsletter is to act as the official publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and to meet any possible need of the Creek Nation that is possible through news coverage.

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All editorials and letters will become the property of the Muscogee Nation News. Editorials must be signed by the individual author and include a traceable address.

Deadlines for submission is the Friday prior to the first full week of the meeting of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Any submission must be brought by the MNN office during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

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CN Higher Ed Sets Scholarship Rules

The Creek Nation Higher Education Program is pleased to announce that it is again offering scholarships for Exceptional (Gifted) college students.

The following policy and procedure requirements to be considered for the scholarships were passed by the Creek Nation Council:

1. *The student must provide a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood, (C.D.I.B.);*
2. *And, a Muscogee Creek Nation citizenship card.*
3. *The student must be accepted by an accredited college, university or vocational school.*
4. *The student must provide a recent photograph.*
5. *The student must complete the original application and write an essay as to career goals and why they wish the scholarship.*
6. *The student must submit ACT or SAT equivalent scores of 23 or above.*
7. *The student must have three recommendations submitted from officials who are familiar with the students capabilities (one must be from the student's math or science teacher.)*
8. *A personal interview will be given the student, or if it is too much of a travel hardship, a 500 word essay about the student may be submitted as part of the application.*
9. *The student will be limited to eight semesters or the required semesters for the course required for the time funded.*
10. *The student award will be limited to $500 per semester for full time students.*
11. *The student must maintain a 3.5 G.P.A. their Freshman year or first year on the program and a 3.75 G.P.A. based on a 4.0 scale, thereafter to remain on the program.*

As this and other tribally funded programs may change their requirements and funding levels due to availability of funds, it is imperative that applicants apply early as possible to be considered for any Higher Education funds for the coming year.

For additional information, please contact the Higher Education office at 918/756-8700, extension 331.

Jones Academy Reunion

May 30, 31 and June 1, 1986

Friday - Saturday - Sunday

One whole week-end of fun and reminiscing. Relax in our air conditioned dormitory. . .just like old times, or bring your tent, camper, blanket, etc. and camp out at Third Pond. FREE LODGING.

TOURNAMENTS: Dominoes, Checkers, Horse Shoes, Pool, Soft Ball, and Fishing. **ARTS & CRAFTS AND CONSESSION BOOTHS:** Picnic meal to be served at Third Pond, Saturday, May 31; Banquet meal in cafeteria, Saturday evening, May 31, 9:00 p.m. - 12; **Sunday Activities:** Church services/Gospel singing; Awards and election of new officers.

To help defray expenses, a small entry fee will be required for entries in the tournaments. Also for the Arts/Crafts/Consession Booths.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO ATTEND!

Letter to Creek Nation...

On behalf of the Delaware Tribe of Western Oklahoma's Title VI Anadarko Indian Elders Project, I wish to sincerely thank you and your staff for the hospitality and kindness shown to our elders during our recent visit to the Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Center.

Our elders enjoyed the religious services, delicious steak dinner, door prizes, Easter egg hunt and fellowship with your partipants. We especially want to thank the Creek Nation for the beautiful picture of Our Lord Jesus Christ that was presented to our Title VI Program. We will proudly display it in our new Senior Citizens Center upon completion of construction.

We wish to extend a special invitation to the Creek Nation Title VI Program for the Open House of our new Senior Citizens Center in mid-July. We feel this is going to be a giant step for Indian elders and we would like the Creek Nation to share with us during this joyful event.

Again, we thank you and your staff for the invitation to the Easter Dinner and Religious Services. It was a time that will remain in our hearts and minds forever.

Georgette Palmer-Brown, Director
Anadarko Indian Elders Project

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aaron Christopher Taylor

Janet and Lewis Taylor, Jr., Yardeka Community, announce the arrival of their grandson, Aaron Christopher, born to daughter Stephanie on April 4 at W.W. Hastings Hospital, Tahlequah. Baby weighed 6 lbs., 15 ozs.

Gloria Anderson

Diane and Scott Anderson have a baby girl, Gloria, born April 4 at Carl Albert Hospital, Ada. Gloria weighed 8 lbs. and is the granddaughter of Lilly and David Lewis, Jr. of Yardeka Community. Gloria has a two year old sister, Richay.

Madison Arthur Potts

Cheryl R. (Cheri) Potts, Tulsa, announces the birth of her first child, a son named Madison Arthur Potts, born on January 16 at St. John's Medical Center, Tulsa.

Madison weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz. and measured 18 1/2 inches. His maternal grandmother is Mrs. Florence Potts, wife of Dale Money, of Sand Springs. Madison is named after his maternal grandfather, the late Arthur Lee Potts who died in 1973.

His maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Bear (Buster and Myrtle) Carlile of Tulsa, Mrs. Frances (Fannie) Potts Roberts, wife of Kirby Roberts of Fairfax, and Lawrence R. "Snooks" Potts of Sand Springs. Madison's maternal great-great grandmother is Mrs. Josie Minney of Maramec.

Erin Marie Floyd

Mr. and Mrs. James Floyd announce the birth of their baby girl, Erin Marie. Erin was born March 28, at Muskogee and weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces. She was welcomed home by her brother Jacob.

Erin's maternal grandparents are; Jim and Pat Tustison, Anadarko and paternal grandparents are the late Joe Floyd and Margaret Floyd of Eufaula.

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT REPORT

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ending September 30, 1985, is available for public inspection in the Office of the Treasury, Creek Nation Complex, Okmulgee, OK from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Creek Baby Wins First Place

Ricky Beaver, 6 months old, won First Place in a Baby Contest in Okemah on March 11. He won a $25 Gift Certificate . He is the son of Rebecca Beaver and the grandson of Ernestine Henneha and the great-grandson of Christine Henneha.

Fifth Annual Powwow Planned at Claremore

Artists, artisan, craftpersons and food vendors are invited to exhibit and sell at the Fifth Claremore Powwow. The powwow will be held at Rogers State College, May 16 through 18.

For additional information, call Anita Valliere at (918) 341-4297.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

A Volleyball Tournament is scheduled for May 24, Saturday and Sunday, at Arbeka. The tournament is Co-ed, open to everybody. Sixteen or more teams will be accepted. Entry fee is $35, deadline May 17. Contact Lewis Taylor, 652-3967. All proceeds will be used for Arbeka Grounds.

RODEO TICKETS FOR SALE

Tickets are now on sale by the CN Rodeo Club for the 12th Annual Creek Nation Rodeo to be held June 20-21 at the Rodeo Arena. Adult advance tickets are now on sale for $4. Contact Evelyn Parker, 756-8700, ext. 228.

Oklahoma Indian Voter Registration Project Organized

By Kathryn Bell

OK Indians VOTE is the campaign slogan of the United Indian Nations in Oklahoma (UINO) voter registration committee which has been actively organizing and promoting political education awareness to Oklahoma Indians since last July when the organization was formed.

Helen Chalakee, communication manager for the Creek Nation is chairing the voter registration committee of delegates from various UINO member tribes. She maintains, "There is enormous and, as yet, untapped potential for political growth in Oklahoma Indian Country.

"Legislators play a crucial role in the process of creating the environment under which Indian people are subject. Indian people need to be able to make decisions involving priorities in this process. . . and it can happen by expanding Indian voter registration and participation," Chalakee said.

The UINO voter registration committee has undertaken the task of organizing sub-committees within each member tribe with the following position statement:

> *The purpose of the United Indian Nations in Oklahoma Voter Registration Committee is to assist Oklahoma Indian Tribes in organizing themselves for more effective political action through voter education and registration; and to further these actions through the actuality of casting votes in unity to strengthen our political framework for electing Indians and those who will work toward fair practice on Indian issues in legislation into positions which will politically protect the future of Indian identity and sovereignty.*

The United Indian Nations in Oklahoma is comprised of twenty-five Indian tribes. There are thirty-nine federally recognized tribes in the state, totaling (according to the U.S. Bureau of Census, 1980 count) 180,000 Indian citizens in Oklahoma.

However, not all tribes concur this to be an accurate count. They believe the figure to be much higher and are currently working with the Census Bureau on the upcoming 1990 count. Chalakee said no survey had ever been conducted to indicate how many Indians are registered and eligible to vote.

Until 1924, many Oklahoma tribes were not considered citizens and were not allowed to vote. "Oklahoma Indians are not schooled in the political process. However, tribes are now more determined to survive and to claim what they feel is rightfully theirs through treaties with the United States government," she said.

"Our attention is now intensely focused on this fight for survival; but getting there is a combination of political and business savvy," Chalakee explained.

After Indian territory was dissolved to make way for Oklahoma, the state was given a name that in choctaw means "red people". The state seal gives prominence to the aboriginal native people. The state flag is centered around a rawhide shield superimposed with a peace pipe crossed by olive branchs.

The state motto is "Labor omnia vincit" - labor conquers everything; yet Chalakee says, "there are areas in our Indian Nations that reflect up to fifty per cent unemployment."

"Those of us who have taken on the responsibility of educating our people to the political system have many obstacles to overcome. One is convincing our people their one vote will count and that collectively we have the potential to become a mega-force in legislative decisions which affect our very existence," she concluded.

THE UNITED INDIAN NATIONS IN OKLAHOMA WAS ORGANIZED LAST JULY *at the Creek Nation Bingo to counteract threatening state imposition on Indian Rights. The UINO Voter Registration Committee core members were: (l-r) Martha Banderas, Apache Tribe; Geroge Tiger, Creek Nation; Dwight Buffalohead, Ponca Tribe; Helen Chalakee, Creek Nation; and Carol Cizek, Comanche Tribe. Shown on back row is Richard Martinez with the Southwest Voter Education Project who later conducted workshops for the group schooling them for the political scene.*

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EDITORIAL:

Will Swimmer Float?

The appointment and confirmation of Ross Swimmer to be Assistant Secretary of Interior for Indian Affairs was greeted with a feeling of exhausted apathy by the nation's tribal leaders. There was neither support nor opposition. The Indian community seemed resigned to the futility of attempting any input into the selection process. Swimmer's predecessor, Ken Smith, who resigned recently, had resolutions from over 80 tribes against his nomination and yet he was appointed anyway. It is clear that having the support of Indian people is not a qualification for appointment to the highest Indian Affairs post in the government.

No matter how mad he makes Indians in the coming months (and he will), he is not likely to respond to pressure to change any policy or attitude that Indians have experienced over the last four years.

There are a number of things in Swimmer's background that give us confidence that things will even get worse. Swimmer is a former Principal chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, a lawyer, bank president, wealthy businessman and general all purpose supply sider. Congressman Don Nickles from Oklahoma used him as his principal backer in getting 75 per cent of all the Indians removed from the language provisions of the Voting Rights Act. Swimmer thought it a racial slur to state that many Indians do not speak English. Swimmer headed the President's Commission of Reservation Economies whose final report blamed the Indian's economic backwardness on their lack of the capitalist spirit. This significant report was almost unanimously denounced by the tribal leadership all across the country, but has become governmental policy nonetheless.

A good insight into the Assistant Secretary's attitude towards Indians is an affidavit he filed in an NIYC law suit against the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA). NIYC, representing the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in North Carolina and their traditional religious leaders, was attempting to block TVA's construction of the Tellico Dam which would flood the sacred Little Tennessee Valley. This valley is the original homeland of the Cherokees and is often referred to as the Cherokee Vatican. This area not only contained countless shrines still in use, but was a principal burial site for the tribe.

Swimmer's affidavit in behalf of TVA in support of the flooding, said in part: "Although few of us have visited the Tellico area, we are grateful to TVA, because when it acquired land for the Tellico project, it caused extensive archaelogical work to be performed in the area, including the removal of Cherokee burials for study. If it were not for the Tellico project, much of this knowledge might have never been recovered."

"Just as is the case with Christians, it does not matter where they (Cherokee) live or worship. A Cherokee who follows the religious traditions of the Cherokee people is not required by those traditions to visit any particular place or area in the Eastern United States in the exercise of his beliefs. The village sites in the lower Little Tennessee River are important to the cultural history of the Cherokee Nation, but are not a part of its religion."

There is a bright note to all this. When Swimmer became Assistant Secretary he had to resign as Principal Chief of the Oklahoma Cherokee Nation. The Oklahoma Cherokees did not lose a bright young neo-conservative on the make, but rather gained a real leader of their people. Wilma Mankiller, former Vice-Chief, became the first woman in history to head a large Indian nation.

Swimmer should be an inspiration to the one-tenth of the 1% of the Indian population who consider themselves YUPPIES. The rest of the population will still have to look to Geronimo, Pope, Sitting Bull, and Sequoyah for inspiration.

Creek Woman Appointed by Bishop to Head OIMC Council

BECKY THOMPSON, RIGHT, THE FIRST FEMALE AND LAY PERSON TO BE SELECTED AS DIRECTOR OF COUNCIL PROGRAMS FOR THE OKLAHOMA MISSIONARY CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, is shown with Judy Hunt of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church headquartered in New York. Ms. Hunt, at Mrs. Thompson's invitation, was in Oklahoma recently, touring and assessing the needs, first-hand, of the state's Indian people.

By Kathryn Bell

Becky Thompson, Creek, has been appointed by the Bishop of the United Methodist Conference to be the Director of Council Programs for the Oklahoma Missionary Conference. The historic appointment puts Mrs. Thompson in the category of being the only female and layperson to be chosen for this prestigious post.

Mrs. Thompson is responsible for the operations of the Council within the eight-state jurisdiction area. She cited her goal for this year's appointment (the appointment is for one year, although Mrs. Thompson is confident of being re-appointed for another year) as being - "I want to be involved in strengthening the ministry among the people in this Conference."

The Indian Conference is one of 76 conferences within the National United Methodist Church, and extends beyond the boundaries of Oklahoma into Texas and Kansas. There are 107 Indian churches within the Conference with 65 pastors in those churches it serves. "The United Methodist Church has three mission studies every year on the Native Peoples of North American and that is my area, so I do alot of missionary interpretation and travel outside the District," she explained, adding that her Conference is also one of three Ethnic and Language conference within the United Methodist Church and one of three missionary conferences.

"I would like to enable our Indian people to see their own potential more fully, we have often looked to others outside our area to get things done - but we haven't seen enough of our own gifts and abilities used in this ministry," she emphasized. Mrs. Thompson said her duties include leadership, program development and the financial aspect of the Council, evangelism, Christian education for all ages, stewardship and to oversee that these areas for the churches are functioning at level with the district.

Other areas of her job include coordinating the mission and outreach of the various churches, the building and property needs of the churches in the District, such as remodeling etc. Mrs. Thompson works closely with the Council Administration, the Director of Finance and Administration and the ordained and diaconal ministry, as well as the Cabinet - the Bishop and four District Superintendents.

Mrs. Thompson in turn, works with her own Council - representatives from the local churches within her District which are elected at the Annual Conference. "We work together in determining goals and to stay on track with our goals. . . ," she said.

The decision to leave the secular work force for involvement within her church, was God-inspired and directed, affirmed Mrs. Thompson - "The church has been what I have known most of my life, but it took a turning point in my life to help me to make the decision to leave the secular work force and go into fulltime work with the church." Mrs. Thompson feels that her "vote of confidence" from the Conference came in 1980 and again in 1984 when she was elected as one of two lay delegates to vote in the General Conference. "I feel that I have a certain amount of credibility now to undertake this appointment," she said.

In addition to her busy schedule, Mrs. Thompson has taught Regional school this summer at Oklahoma City University where teachers come to get training to teach in their conferences.

Mrs. Thompson stressed the importance of the role of the church in every aspect of the lives of her people, a message she reiterates in her work and personal life - "Even though we as Indian people have always been very spiritual, too often we don't see how the church can also have an impact on our educational, social and physical needs, and we tend to have, at times, to have a limited view of the role of the church - but it has a totality of importance in every aspect of our lives..."

Raised in the Creek Nation area, Mrs. Thompson is the daughter of the late Rev. Austin Bell and Bessie Bell. She graduated from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah with a BA in Education and was a teacher in the Tulsa Public Schools, prior to her heading up the Early Childhood Education Program at the Tulsa Indian Youth Council for four years. After leaving that program, she became involved in Christian Education with the Conference and later served as the Associate Director of Administration and Ministry with the Conference.

Although the Conference headquarters are located in Oklahoma City, Mrs. Thompson received special permission by the Bishop to remain in Tulsa, where she resides with her husband, Johnny and their three children, Melissa, 14, Timothy, 11, and Leandra, 3.

Mrs. Thompson's home church is Newtown Methodist in Okmulgee and she and her family attend the Tulsa Indian United Methodist Church where she resides.

DONNIE McNAC (center), CHAIRMAN OF YARDEKA INDIAN COMMUNITY accepts a Charter from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation on behalf of the community organization. Presenting the Charter is CN Representative for McIntosh District, Joe Fox (left). George Tiger (right), liaison officer for the Office of the Principal Chief and Second Chief was also on hand for the presentation. Officers of Yardeka are: Donnie McNac, Chairman; George Thompson, Vice-Chairman; Janet Taylor, Secretary, and Janet Lee, Treasurer. Councilman Fox swore the officers in at their regular monthly meeting on April 7.

Yardeka Community Receives Charter

By Louise McNac

The Yardeka Community held their Easter festivities March 29, with a great turn out. We would like to than great turn out. We would like to thank all the visitors that came out and took part in the activities. We would like to thank especially the Okfuskee Archery Club for coming out and helping us. Also everyone who came that day. We say thank you.

An egg hunt was held for each age group.Those winning prizes in the 1-5 age group were; April Fields, 1st Prize; Samuel Lee, 2nd Prize; 6-11 age group - Kim McNac-1st Prize; Alexander Yargee, Memory Parish and Erik Taylor found the most eggs, 12-17; 18 and over winner with first prize was Joyce Thompson; Most Eggs winners were, Mandy Hill and Josie Soweka.

Officers were elected as follows; Donnie McNac-Chairman; George Thompson-Vice-Chairman; Janet Taylor-Secretary and Janet Lee as Treasurer.

We would like to thank everyone who was involved in getting us chartered, especially Geroge Tiger and Steve Landsberry. Our next Community meeting date is May 5 at 7 PM.

Creek Hymn Singers At OKC Workshop. . .

STEVE WILSON, CHAIRMAN OF THE OKLAHOMA INDIAN COUNCIL ON AGING AND CREEK NATION PROGRAM MANAGER, presents a group of Creek Hymn Singers at the Oklahoma Minority Task Force Workshop held in March in Oklahoma City. The workshop was done by the Task Force in cooperation with the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging. The Hymn Singers were one aspect of the Cultural Presentation that was presented to workshop participants depicting Oklahoma's diverse Indian tribal cultures. Shown are; left to right, Andrew Childers, Bunny Hill, Audrey Barnett, Miss Indian Oklahoma 1986, Mrs. Buster Barnett, Lewis Bible, songleader (behind Mr. Wilson), Buster Barnett, and Stella Starr. Not shown is Susie Monday.

By Kathryn Bell

An Oklahoma Minority Task Force Workshop was planned and presented in cooperation with the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging (OICA) last month at the Hilton Inn in Oklahoma City. The purpose of the workshop, according to Creek Nation's Steve Wilson, Chairman of the OICA, was to provide training to state outreach workers and to give them a more in-depth look at the Native Americans that they serve in their programs - " particularly to show them the different tribal cultures of the state," he said.

"It has been stated that Oklahoma has the only minority task force in the nation and to want to work to keep it functioning as an advocate on behalf of the state's minorities with state leaders on issues that face us," added Wilson, who termed the workshop a success with over 200 people attending. "This is the first time that the outreach workers of the various state aging programs have been attendance at these workshops," he said.

Wilson gave a presentation at the workshop which consisted of a panel of Oklahoma Title VI Directors who addressed different approaches of services available to their elders. Wilson also arranged for Creek hymn singers to appear during the Cultural Presentation portion of the Workshop. Georgette Palmer Brown was in charge of the Cultural Presentation which consisted of different Oklahoma tribes presenting their culture in ceremonial dance, song and fashions. Among them; George and Dixon Palmer, brothers, performed a War Dance; the Sneak-Up Dance was performed by R.C. Palmer's son; Georgette Palmer Brown performed the intricate Hoop Dance; representatives of the Sac and Fox tribe modeled traditional and contemporary Indian designs; and a group of children delighted the audience with the Eagle Dance.

A social Dance demonstration, involving the audience was performed and the renowned "Chickasaw Cats" ended the Finale with their special song and dance routines. Miss Indian Oklahoma, Audrey Barnett and the 1986 Apache Tribal Princess, Ronnie Jean Ahtone also appeared.

Steve Wilson presented a shawl, bearing the OICOA logo, to Vita Ostrander, President of the AARP, in recognition of her minority initiatives established in the past year, on behalf of OICOA. Accepting for Mrs. Ostrander, who was ill, was AARP Vice-Chairman, Dr. Phelps, of Kansas City.

Group Formed To Unify Elderly Issues

Steve Wilson, Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging, announced today the formation of a National Association of Title VI Grantees (Older Americans Act). The group formed during the National Title VI Training Workshop held in Albuquerque in March.

The purpose of the Association, according to Wilson, is to provide a more unified voice among the Title VI grantees nationwide on issues affecting all grantees - "These issues can then be presented to Congress for corrective measures," said Wilson who stressed that the Association will continue to support the efforts on their behalf of the National Indian Council on Aging (NICOA) - "We look forward to continued association with NICOA, the mother organization of all Title VI grantees.

Elected officers for the Association are; Chairman - Betty White, Yakima Nation; Vice-Chairman - Georgette Palmer Brown, Western Delaware Tribe of Oklahoma; Secretary - Ilene Lujan, Eight Northern Pueblos of New Mexico, and Treasurer - Janet Two Shields, Sioux Nation.

For more information, contact Steve Wilson, (918) 756-8700, Ext. 300.

OBITUARY

DORTHEA CLEO PEACE

Dorthea Cleo Peace, 80, of Tool, Texas, an original allotee of the Creek Nation passed away, Sunday March 16, 1986, in Houston Texas. Burial was at Rose Lawn Park, Palestine, Texas.

Widow of William Olin Peace, she was born Oct 21, 1905, in Indian Territory. She is survived by one son, Bill Peace.

She was the daughter of James P. Whetstone and Theodoshia Smoot Whetstone.

CREEK NATION 1986 PRINCESS CANDIDATES...

Andrea (Nikki) Skeeter

Andrea (Nikki) Skeeter, 21, 3/4 Creek is the daugther of Ramona Mason and Andrew Skeeter both of Tulsa. She attends T.J.C.

Velma Denise Williams

Velma Denise Williams, 16, 3/8 Creek is the daugther of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Williams of Kansas, Ok. Velma attends Kansas High School.

Machelle Knight

Machelle Knight, 16, 1/2 Creek, daugther of Walter Knight of Tulsa. Machelle attends East Central High School in Tulsa.

Navajo/Hopi Relocation - "Longest Walk To Death"...

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BIG MOUNTAIN RESISTANCE GROUP OPPOSING RELOCATION FROM THEIR ANCESTRAL LANDS appeared in Oklahoma City, March 23 and 24 on the last leg of their southeastern states tour to encourage support of their resistance to the Navajo/Hopi Relocation plan by the government and repeal of PL 93-531 which is to be effective July 8. If something isn't done to repeal the law by that date, these people will be forced to leave their uranium-rich home lands in northeastern Arizona, thus ending their traditional way of life. The group spoke at a Protest Rally held in front of the Kerr-McGee Corp. headquarters in downtown OKC on Saturday and again on Sunday at the Native American Center. The Big Mountain Resistance Group shown are; left to right, Navajo Elder, Roberta Blackgoat, who has appeared nationwide and in Europe in opposition to federal policy concerning the Navajo and who has appeared in "Broken Rainbow," a documentary on the Navajo/Hopi plight that just won an Academy Award for "Best Documentary;" shown in the middle is Mae Shay, Navajo Elder, who speaks no English but who has stirred the hearts of those who hear her tell of the ordeal of her people in her simple, moving appeal for support; and Danny Blackgoat, the determined, articulate spokesman of the group.

Navajo/Hopi Elders At OKC Rally/Reception To Gain Support Against Forced Relocation Law

By Kathryn Bell

"What is happening at Big Mountain today is a warning. If these sacred lands are disrupted and the Navajos driven off the land this will signal the "longest walk to death" for the Navajo and Hopi peoples..."in these apocalyptic words, Hopi elder and interpreter, Thomas Banyacya addressed the cutting edge of Public Law 93-531-The Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act. This law, if not repealed by July 8, will force thousands of Navajos to relocate from their sacred, traditional lands in northeast Arizona.

Banyacya, Danny Blackgoat, Navajo leader and spokesman of the Big Mountain Resistance and the elders of the tribes feel that this relocation will totally destroy their traditional way of life on their sacred land, not to mention the subsequent mineral exploitation of the uranium-rich lands that most feel is the real reason for Relocation - "If this sacred land is ripped apart by these destructive activities, in the long run it will also signal the "longest walk to death" for all the peoples of the world," Banyacya said.

Blackgoat, his mother, Roberta and Mae Shay, Navajo elder, completed the last leg of Big Mountain Resistance group tour through the southeastern states to make other tribal people aware of their plight and to enlist support for repeal of the Relocation law. The tour ended in Oklahoma City as the group spoke at a Protest Rally organized by Native Americans for a Clean Environment held across from the Kerr-McGee headquarters.

On Sunday, the group addressed a gathering of Indian and non-Indian supporters, activists, and media held at the Native American Center in the City. Their appearances were coordinated by the Oklahoma Big Mountain Support group, chaired by Jackie Warledo, Oklahoma Seminole.

Opening the meeting, Blackgoat explained the reason for the tour as being to bring about public awareness of the true facts concerning the Relocation, "We are stating our case to you because the facts have been suppressed and we come before you to tell you the truth." The truth involves serious actions taken by the government that are leading up to the July 8 Relocation deadline - Blackgoat cited that they have been ordered to reduce their livestock by 90% (mostly sheep, which is their mainstay); building restrictions have been imposed that make it impossible for the people to make necessary improvements on their homes, corrals and fields; one mile sections of land on the HPL (Hopi Pasture Lands) are being fenced in - much to the confusion and alarm of the Navajo people; and, according to Blackgoat, there is constant harrassment by the BIA and government, of the people by aircraft - silent rotor helicopter, etc. - flying at tree level as well as monitoring by land vehicles, which constitutes continual surveillance of the people by the government. "They are trying to break our spirit," exclaimed Blackgoat, who interjected - "I am sick and tired of hearing of civil rights violations abroad when we are having our rights violated right here!"

Blackgoat continued on that the people want the uranium mining stopped - "The intent of the Great Spirit was not to misuse the land and we aren't going to let them! We are going to stand with our elders and we will do it by peaceful means - by our prayers, by our spirituality. Are we going to respect man or the cash - the money or the rights of mankind?, " was Blackgoat's impassioned statement. Softly, he added, "the eyes of the world will be watching..."

Clarifying the federal government ploy to have the public believe that this Relocation was necessary to end the dispute between the Navajo and Hopi over the land in the Big Mountain area, in what they call a "range war," he said, "Our hogans carbon date back to 1200 AD in the Four Sacred Mountain area and although there has been some fueds between the Navajo and Hopi, we have also been allies against outside influences and threats," he said. "This is no range war - that's totally false. The traditional Hopis are saying let the Navajo remain - there was good relations between us until this Public Law came along, " said Blackgoat adding that the conflict arose because of the intervention of outside influences.

Specifically, PL 93-531 of 1974, mandates the division of 1.8 million acres in the northeastern section of Arizona, which is considered sacred and consecrated land to the people, between the Navajo and Hopi. The relocation will result in forced relocation of a small number of Hopi and the rest Navajo. This land, as Roberta Blackgoat termed "the place where our altars are..." is consecrated and changing that status would amount to desecration of holy ground, in the estimation of the people of the four sacred mountain area."It is cultural genocide and would cause us to have to change our complete way of life," said Blackgoat emphatically. Echoing his sentiments, his 69-year old mother, Roberta, added, "If I had to be told to leave and live away out on the border town, I wouldn't live...I'd just die."

Farming and ranching are the main means of support for the people and have been for centuries - the Hopi, a peaceful people, farm on the mesas and the Navajo travel between

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RELOCATION continued . . .

summer and winter homes following their flocks of sheep. There is no conflict over the ownership of the land. However, the tribal councils want to agressively mine the land for purpose of economic development because of the rich coal and uranium deposits beneath the land. Blackgoat tersely said of the conflict of the traditional people opposed to Relocation and the tribal council - "We don't recognize them and they don't recognize us."

Blackgoat said the relocation would bring about culture shock to his people and in a jarring display of emotion, touched the listeners with the impact of his words - "I am a prime example of the relocation process - it is a failure. It only works for those who are acculturated, but not for us whose land is the mainstay of our very existence. I have taken the road to alcoholism and drug abuse, trying to run away from the failure I felt I was," he paused as emotion overcame him, then continued, "...but two and ahalf years ago, I came back because I had no place to go. I didn't have a name - my nieces and nephews called me "Uncle You-Know-Who". It was very lonely and very painful and there are so many other of my peers who are today, experiencing this same pain...but there is a way you can come home. That's what I did," he said softly. "It's an experience to come back to a place of love and to my mother's embrace...My relatives said, "we hurt with you when you were out there and we are glad you are home."

"I had to lose it to really appreciate what that land means to me - I'm in this struggle now and it has more meaning to me, " Blackgoat whispered, then appealed to the gathering, "We need to activate our efforts now. We were guided here by our inner light. We were brought here by your energy and by your concern. We hope, somehow, to turn the tables on Public Law 93-531...1986 is going to be remembered as the year that the American people spoke, that the people got involved and did something!"

Eloquently, painstakingly and in her ancient native language, Mae Shay, Navajo elder, barely above a whisper, told the gathering, "I consider you my children because you listen to our plight - let there be beauty all around us..."

"If I had to be told to leave, and live away out on the border town, I wouldn't live. . . I'd just die". . .Roberta Blackgoat

Russell Means Makes Public Apology To Hopi People At Tahlequah Meeting

RUSSELL MEANS, LEFT, AIM LEADER AND HOPI ELDER AND INTERPRETER THOMAS BANYACYA, conferred together April 3 at the Annual Symposium on the American Indian held at Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah, where Means was asked to speak. The two Indian leaders met to discuss the Navajo/Hopi Relocation and alleged negative statements Means reportedly made to the media concerning AIM's position on the Relocation.

By Kathryn Bell

Russell Means, American Indian Movement (AIM) member and longtime Indian activist from the Pine Ridge Reservation, spoke April 3, at the Annual Symposium on the American Indian held at Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah.

Significant about his appearance was the fact that another traditional Indian leader, Thomas Banyacya, Hopi elder and interpreter had arrived from Arizona to meet with Means to try and clear up any misunderstandings between AIM's stand on the Navajo/Hopi Relocation and the Relocation Resistance movement. The misunderstanding resulted from alleged statements Means made to media concerning AIM's position on the Relocation. AIM had originally worked with Anglo activists for more than a year who protested the Relocation. In later statements to the press, however, Means said that this involvement was wrong and urged all the Anglo groups to leave to avert possible violence as the July 8 relocation deadline draws near. Means had told a group of Hopis earlier this year that he had been given misinformation about the relocation by Navajo AIM leaders when AIM became involved in the late 70's. He apologized to the Hopi people for not checking accurate facts about the situation.

AIM had maintained a survival camp of anti-relocation activists on land dividing the Hopis and Navajos near Big Mountain.

At the Press Conference, scheduled at noon at the Symposium, MNN staff queried Means on clarification of AIM's position on the Relocation and on the misunderstanding. Means responded - "I apologize to the Hopi people on never having gone to find out their side of the story..." He said that he had gone to the Arizona newspapers to get what he considered accurate facts about the situation at Big Mountain. "I said that I was against forced relocation against any people and it is mine and AIM's position to let the elders settle their dispute themselves. I am for peace..." Means said what he found out was that it was a century-old Hopi-Dine (the Navajo's name for themselves) dispute that no one else should have anything to do with, including Congress. "I met with the Hopi tribal elders and Congress and they heard me tell Congress that they needed to stay out of it."

"Nothing has changed except I have admitted a mistake and I have apologized. The whole controversy has been that the media reported that I switched sides - how can you switch sides when you are for peace?"

In addition to the meeting Means held with Banyacya at the Symposium, he will meet April 21 again with the Hopi elders.

Creeks In the News. . .

TWO BABY CHICKS TAKE CENTER STAGE MUCH TO THE DELIGHT OF THESE STUDENTS AT THE OKMULGEE HEADSTART CENTER DURING THEIR "SHOW AND TELL" TIME, a favorite part of the exciting early childhood education curriculum that the Center provides. Pictured are, left to right, Alissa Woodfield, Willie Haney, Jr., Seth Wahnee, Nicole Flechs, Jonah Fleener, Sarah Micco, Jessica St. John, and Gregory Tiger.

Indian Women Hold Monthly Meet

By Ethel Torres

The Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women held their quarterly meeting at the Holiday Inn--Shawnee with approximately 30 present.

Some of the members at the !ast meeting made a donation for the Diabetes Foundation in memory of Mrs. Myrtle Oberly--1985 Indian Mother of the Year, (who passed away recently.)

A nominating committee was appointed to make a selection of candidates for new officers to be voted on at the annual meeting May 24.

After lunch, Mary McCormick, the Federation President, was master of ceremonies for the afternoon session where Miss Audrey Barnett, the 1985 "Miss Indian Oklahoma", gave an update on her busy schedule which will keep her busy long after her reign is over, taking her into other states on a one-to-one basis, although many of the young people Audrey is asked to speak to are not only Indians.

A program, "Recognizing Our Own", honored the 12 Inductees of the 1985 Chilocco Alumni Hall of Fame. The six present were Agnes Cowen, Cherokee, of Welling, Oklahoma, Educator. Clem Griffen, Cherokee, Educator, Tahlequah, Oklahoma,School principal for 20 years. Joseph King, Choctaw, Educator, in 1964 helped establish Juvenile Parole Board and helped organize the Choctaw Council in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Jimmie Carole Fife Stewart, Creek, Artist whose work is well known all over the United States-and in many foreign countries. Carole is a teacher in the Washington, Oklahoma schools and is also Co-Indian dress designer with her mother and sisters in "Fife Fashions" at Henryetta, Oklahoma. Joe Thornton, Cherokee, from Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Archery Champion, World - Champion, 1961. Martin Sanders, Cherokee, Chilocco, Instructor for 25 years. (Martin died unexpectedly January 31, 1986.) His sister-in-law, Wauneta Sanders of Tahlequah accepted Martin's lapel Eagle Feather pen and Award Certificate, (It was awarded to each recepient.)

Sapulpa Indian Community News...

The December meeting was a dinner and party for the children of the community, held at the Sapulpa Public Library. There was 289 in attendance. A big thank you goes to Chief Claude Cox and Rick Rowe for the gifts to the children.

The January meeting was held at the Little Cussetah Baptist Church for election of officers for the New Year. Newly elected officers are; President, John Fixico, Vice-Pres, Phillip Coon, Secretary-Tresurer, Wanda Hill, Chairman of the Board, Mose Cahwee, Members of the board are, Ann Holder,Michael Bigler, Betty Redding.

President Fixico was the master of ceremonies at Lou Anna Barnett's 83rd birthday party which was held at the Security National Bank Community room. Mrs Barnett's children and grandchildren hosted the party and dinner, February 15.

Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant Set May 17

Miss Karen Ahhitty has relinquished her crown of "Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma" of 1985 to Rebecca "Tooky" Hamilton--16 year old Pawnee High School Junior. She is the daughter of Donnie and Junie Hamilton, and of the Pawnee-Tonkawa-Otoe-Sac & Fox Tribes. Rebecca has lettered in Sports, Jr. Class Sports Queen, was contestant for 1985 Miss Teen of Oklahoma. She plays on the basketball team, pitches for the school softball team, sings, and plays the flute. The crowning was at the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women's Benefit Pow-Wow of the year at the old International Building at the State Fairgrounds in Oklahoma City with a near 1000 present-with the same amount fed. The Federation ladies from Carnegie, Oklahoma handled the serving of the food and did an excellent job. The Pow-Wow is dubbed as the biggest indoor Pow-Wow of the year with 85 registered dancers and an estimated 100 total dancers attending.

After the Awards Banquet at "Double Tree" in Tulsa, Oklahoma, all the Federation members will be backing the Pageant Committee for the "Miss Indian Oklahoma" Pageant to be held May 17 in Oklahoma City.

May 1 is the deadline for entrants into the contest for 1/4 (or more) 18-25 year old Indian Misses--Oklahoma residents.

Applications are available from Pageant Director Shirley Wapskineh, 515 S.E. 45th, Oklahoma City, Ok 73129.

Federation members will be selling tickets with Florence Tims, Oklahoma City, in charge.

Mike Powell Scores In Championship Game

The Tulsa All-City Boy's 7th Grade Basketball Championship Game was held at Cascia Hall high school gym on March 14, Tulsa.

After a week of competition, the Lewis & Clark 7th grade boys were victorious, winning the championship by defeating Byrd Middle School 45-33.

Mike Powell, Creek, who plays for Lewis & Clark team scored 15 points, and had 11 rebounds in the championship game. His coach, Phil Cummings says, "Mike is a super kid, with a great winning desire of the game."

Mike has been playing basketball since the fourth grade and is 12 year old. He is the son of Butch and Carol Powell, Tulsa, and the grandson of Manda Cosar, Sapulpa, and Marie Harjo and the late Rev. C.D. Harjo, Cromwell, and Dave Powell, Okmulgee.

Honor Roll Student. . .

ALICIA AGUILAR has made the Honor Roll at Pojoaque Middle School. She is the daughter of Victor and Irene Aguilar of San Ildefonson, New Mexico and the granddaughter of Alice Taylor and the late Hully Taylor of Henryetta.

Louanna Barnett Celebrated Birthday With An Open House

The children and grandchildren of Louanna Barnett hosted an open house in celebration of the 83rd Anniversary of her enrollment on the Indian rolls and her birthday on February 15th at the Community Room in the Security National Bank. Rev. John Fixico was Master of Ceremonies. Entertainment was provided by the Buckskin and Feathers dance group.

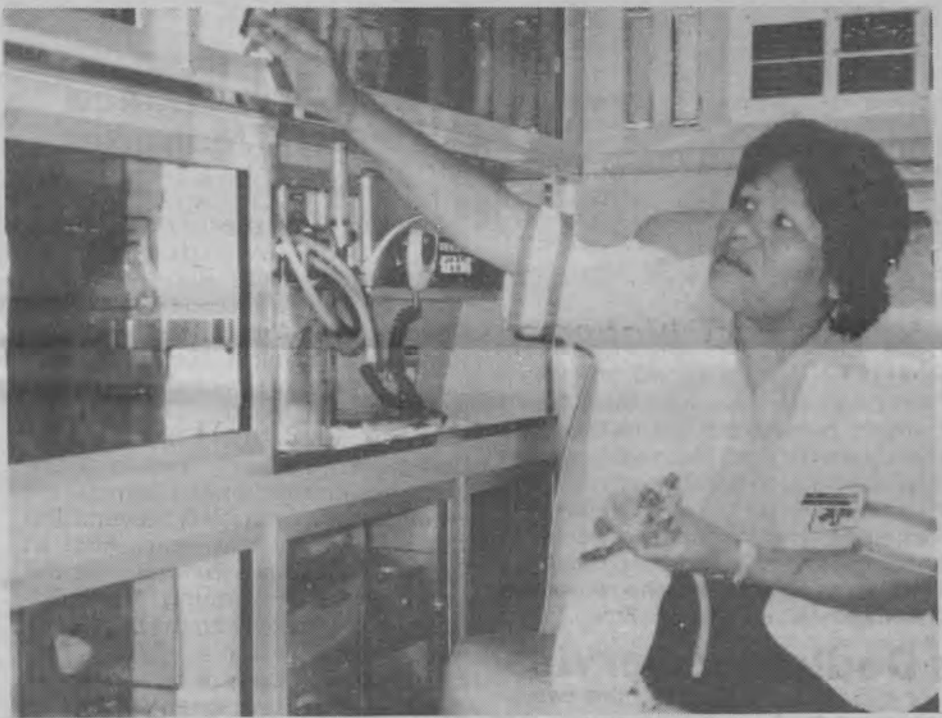
Three members of the Native American Church, Euchee Chapter, sang three Euchee peyote songs.

The great-grandchildren sang Happy Birthday in the Native American Church tradition. The highlight speaker was Jimmie Skeeter, also known as Big Mosquito, who spoke Euchee language. A dinner was hosted by Louanna's children and grandchildren after the Open House.

Louanna was thought to be born on February14, 1903, but actually this was the date of her enrollment on the Indian rolls, until recently she did not know that she was 6 or 7 years old at the time of this event, which makes her 89 or 90 years old.

Mrs. Barnett was born in Sapulpa, where she has lived all her life. She is the daughter of the late Euchee Tom and Lucy Bigpond Tom. She is the widow of the nephew of the late Elizabeth Sapulpa. A full-blood Euchee Indian, she is a charter member of Rock Creek Church.

Nine children were born to Mrs. Barnett and her late husband, all of whom are living except one son, Wesley Barnett, Jr. Her children are Mary Watashe of Kellyville, Jerri Kinsey, James H.Barnett, Watie Barnett, Henry Ross, Annie Watashe, and Sally Bruner, all of Sapulpa and Nancy Jo Harry of Liberty Mounds. There are 34 grandchildren and 69 great-grandchildren, also one great-great-grandchild.



MINNIE HERROD, IN CHARGE OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) TRANSPORTS AT THE CREEK NATION HOSPITAL, demonstrates the life-saving equipment aboard the new transport van, one of the emergency vehicles that the program uses at the hospital and combined with a four-member EMS team, is a critical service of the CN Hospital. Other EMS staff include; David Reed, EMT, Bruce Grissom, EMT Advanced, and Brenda Manning, Paramedic. Christine Burgess, Creek, is a CHR from the Hospital, drives the transport units, which includes two primary trauma units for advanced trauma and life support. Minnie, fullblood Creek, has been with the EMS program since it began and she received her EMT training, completed in May, 1984, from the Hospital. She is working toward completion of Paramedic training. She terms her job "exciting" and is extremely proud of the new transport van, which is used primarily for transport of patients from the nursing homes to the Hospital, clinic or to other hospitals. Minnie lives in Okemah with her three children and is the daughter of the late Robert and Louise Herrod.

***THE 1986 HENRYETTA FREELANCE ALL-STAR SELECTION** is Brian Wyatt, Graham, who played only two years at Graham after transferring as a sophomore. He is a dominating figure on the boards, averaging 15.1 rebounds per contest to go with his 20.6 scoring average. Soft touch shooter, hitting 68% from the field and was one of the state's top performers at the stripe, making 95 of 113 free throws for a heady 84.1%. Also pitches for the Graham baseball team where he is an standout player.*

Louanna Barnett

Close Up Foundation Offers Indian Fellowship Funds

Native American high school students from across the country are invited to participate in a unique, in-depth look at the federal government through a program conducted by the Close up Foundation in Washington, D.C.

Through Close up, students can visit the nation's Capitol and question a vast number of experts on the process and issues facing the country. Close-up is funded in part through a grant from R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc.

"Washington is a city with innumerable resources and expertise and Close Up seeks to capitalize on the opinions and information," said Sue Higby, Close Up's community coordinator for Native American schools.

Higby explained that during their week in Washington, the students meet with members of Congress, journalists and experts on the executive and judicial branches and on foreign and domestic issues. The participants also take part in various tours of the city, attend a live theater performance, and have a final banquet and dance.

"The heart of the week will be daily, small group informative workshops in which students have the opportunity to share their concerns and ideas with other students from around the country," she said.

Close Up provides limited fellowship funds to each participating school for a teacher and low-income students. A teacher from each participating school travels to Washington with the students so that the teachers may carry Washington resources back to their classrooms.

Higby said that Close Up is encouraging Native American schools to apply for participation for the 1986-87 school year.

Reynolds Industries, the largest corporate sponsor of Close Up, assists with the foundation's fellowship program and also supports its publications and minority outreach program and national tele communications project which is carried on the C-SPAN cable network.

Reverend Roley Haynes To Be Honored May 3

In honor of Reverend Roley and other elder preachers, we are commemorating Reverend Roley Haynes for his long time dedication to the Lords service.

May 3rd, at 1:00 p.m. at the Weleetka Indian Community Center, Weleetka, Okla. There will be singing, preaching and presentations. Everybody is welcome to come and share in this celebration. For more information call 756-8619.

Workshop Training Conducted for CN Staff

THE CN CHR'S AND CN COMMUNITY HOSPITAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS view a film on First Aid Training at the regular monthly meeting of the CN CHR's held at the Creek Nation Hospital last month. The series of workshops are being conducted in an effort to provide closer coordination between the two programs. Shown left to right, are; Brenda Manning, Supervisor of the EMT Program at the Hospital, David Reed, EMT from the Hospital and Assistant Coordinator; Christine Burgess, CHR from the Hospital and Mary Hobia, CHR from Creek Nation.

By Kathryn Bell

Working for closer coordination between the health care delivery systems of the Creek Nation, is a primary goal of the CN Community Health Services program, according to James Floyd, Division Director. "We are making sure that all aspects of the Cn Health Care Systems are working as a unit, especially with the Community Health Representatives (CHR) who have constant contact with the community, "said Floyd, who has initiated a series of workshops on preventive health care for the CHR's to be conducted by the Emergency Medical Technician (EMT's) Program of the CN Community Hospital in Okemah.

These workshops are being conducted by Brenda Manning, Paramedic and Supervisor of the EMT program located at the CN Community Hospital. She explained that the workshops, which are held during the CHR's monthly meetings,consist of training that is designed to help the CHR make a better medical assessment of the patient. These courses range from CPR, First Aid, to EMT Basic and EMT Advanced courses - all of which lead to Paramedic training.

Evelyn Parker, CHR Supervisor headquartered at the Complex, remarked on the workshops - "Although we have had this type of training before, this is the first time the Creek Nation Hospital staff has had the training with us and I think it helps coordinate the programs better - it helps to know what the other hand is doing," she said, adding, "we look forward to completing the rest of the training."

Parker and Wyatt Recognized for 12 Years Dedicated Service

Evelyn Parker (left) and Ethel Wyatt

By Kathryn Bell

Two employees of the Creek Nation deserve to receive recognition for the long and valuable service they have given to Creek Nation and to it's people. Evelyn Parker, Supervisor of the Community Health Representatives (CHR) Program and Ethel Wyatt, Fieldworker for the CHR program have both been employed for twelve years with that program at Creek Nation.

Evelyn started out as a CHR with the Community Health Services program under Lucille Stidham. She became the Supervisor of that program in 1975 and has maintained a long record of service since that time.

As Supervisor, she coordinates the program which consists of seven CHR's within the eight county Creek Nation area. "We do have a much better program now than when we started, due to better training as well as the good relationship we have worked hard over the years to maintain with the Creek Nation community that we serve," Evelyn remarked, concerning the progress of the CHR program over the years.

"Our only regret is that we didn't have the program before, because we have seen during the last twelve years what a needed service it has provided and how it has had such an impact on the health of our people," she said.

Evelyn voiced her concern over the duration of the CHR program and hopes that it will always be - "we want to strive for the future of this program, particularly now, with the large number of Creek elderly that we serve - because they are our first priority..."

Evelyn was born and raised in Bristow, attended Chilocco and currently lives in Beggs with her son, Doug. She has a daughter, Eloise, who lives in Beggs also, and five grandchildren. She attends Choska Methodist and her tribal town is Loja (Turtle). Evelyn is active in the CN Rodeo Club and enjoys reading as a hobby.

Ethel Wyatt, CHR Fieldworker, accomplishes such job duties as family planning, flouride rinse program and working directly with patients. She lives in Yardeka Community with her husband and a son who is a Sr. at Graham. She has three daughters and another son and two grandchildren. She is a member of Silver Springs Church and graduated from Pierce.

Steve Landsberry

Landsberry Named New CHR Manager

By Kathryn Bell

Steven Landsberry has been named the Manager of the Community Health Representatives (CHR) Program, according to James Floyd, Director of the Division of Community Services.

Landsberry was named to the position on March 17. He was formerly with the CN Office of Community Research and Development Administration as a Community Development Specialist. Steven held this position for two years. Prior to that post, he was a Planner with the Comprehensive Planning Administration. He has been with the tribe since August 1983.

Landsberry hopes to carry out new priorities that have been set for the CHR Program through providing more effective services to those who are in need of the services, "particularly in light of the recent budget cuts that affect our program," he emphasized.

These priority areas include concentration on working with diabetic and heart patients and providing in-home preventive care.

"It is my feeling that providing adequate health care services is critical to our people and should be placed as a priority for the tribe just as self-sufficiency and economic development are - and I know that health care is a priority of the tribe and I hope that the CHR Program can do their part in meeting the challenge of seeing these priorites fulfilled," said Landsberry.

Graduating from Okmulgee High in 1979, he received an Associate Degree from Bacone College and a Bachelor of Arts in Business from Northeastern State University in 1983.

Steven lives in Henryetta with his wife and two daughters and attends the First Church of God in Henryetta. He is the son of Jack and Gladys Landsberry of Okmulgee.

THE OKMULGEE DENTAL CLINIC WELCOMED NEW DENTAL OFFICER DR. BRIAN HORROCKS, who has also been appointed to serve as Director of Quality Assurance for the three Dental facilities in Okmulgee, Sapulpa and Eufaula. Shown with Dr. Horrocks are Dental Assistants (left to right) Cathy Agee, Becky Brasier, and Margie Bunner. Not shown is Pat Williams, dental assistant, and Dr. Jack Shannon, Facility Dental Officer at the Okmulgee Clinic.

Creek Dental Clinics Receive New Director

By Kathryn Bell

James Floyd, Director of the Creek Nation Division of Community Services, announced the appointment of Dr. Brian Horrocks to head the three dental facilities of the Creek Nation, Sapulpa, Eufaula and Okmulgee.

As Dental Officer at the Okmulgee Dental Clinic and Director of Quality Assurance for Dental Services at the three clinics, Dr. Horrocks, according to Floyd, will be involved in insuring quality assurance at all of the CN dental facilities.

"I am excited about working with the Nation and the three dental clinics, particularly in standardizing the levels of dental care between the three clinics and the policies within them, " he said, adding that he is also looking forward to working with the staff and Dr. Jack Shannon, Okmulgee Clinic dental officer, whom Horrocks terms an "outstanding clinician."

Dr. Horrocks received his Doctorate of Dental Surgery from the University of Oklahoma in 1984, and prior to his coming to Creek Nation in March, he was on staff with the IHS Hastings Hospital Dental facility in Tahlequah.

Working with Dr. Horrocks are other Okmulgee Dental Clinic staff; Dr. Jack Shannon, Facility Dental officer, and four dental assistants; Cathy Agee, Becky Brasier, Pat Williams and Margie Bunner. Visiting hygienist is Sheri Criswell.

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INVOCATION: Jonas Dunson

CALL TO ORDER: Carney Roberts, Speaker

ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with twenty five members present. Three members were absent those being: Leah Stacy, Robert Hardridge and Dan Barnett. The Speaker stated that all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and would be recorded in the journal of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

READING OF MINUTES: The Speaker stated that the minutes had been mailed to each member for their review. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Buck and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes as read. The Chair entertained discussion. There was none. The Chair called for the Question. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being; Twenty four in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried January 1986 Quarterly Minutes were approved as read and were recorded as such.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: OLD BUSINESS — NONE

NEW BUSINESS — Conducted as Follows:

2-A A Bill amending NCA 83-35 Providing Authorization for Tribal Contracts to provide services and program for Fiscal Year 1986. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 83-35 as amended is hereby further amended as follows: Section 153 (A) (1) (a) Retain existing language and add: "Basic Government Development Program" **Section 102.** This Ordinance shall expire on September 30, 1986. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Dunn to approve the Bill 2-A as read. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Jerry Wilson, Vice Chairman of the Committee on Business and Governmental Services reported that this item had been to Committee and was reviewed thoroughly and that it came out of Committee with a Recommendation of "DO PASS". The Chair called for more discussion. NONE. The Chair called for the question. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty four in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill 2-A was approved and recorded as such in the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

2-B A Bill Confirming the nomination fo Chinnubbie McIntosh to serve as a District Judge of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The nomination by the Principal Chief of Chinnubbie McIntosh an enrolled citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to serve as District Judge of the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is hereby approved. **Section 102.** Chinnubbie McIntosh shall serve a one year term of office, effective the first of March 1986. **Section 103.** The expiration date shall be March 1, 1987. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Childers and seconded by Larney to approve the Bill as read. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Jerry Wilson, Vice Chairman of the Committee on Business and Governmental Service reported that Bill 2-B had been to Committee and that the Committee had held a meeting with Mr. McIntosh being present and he was interviewed; and that it was the Committees recommendation that this Bill be presented to the Council with a recommendation of "DO PASS". The Chair called for the

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MICHAEL LEE WON THE RESERVE BREED CHAMPION YORKSHIRE CLASS at the Okmulgee County Spring Livestock Show. He also won Breed Champion at the Muskogee Spring Livestock Show and Junior Showmanship Award in Muskogee. Lee, the son of Janet Lynn, is shown above with, left, Mr. Spivey of the Bryant-Spivey Funeral Home and Mr. Mount of the Beggs Lion's Club, both buyers at the Premium Sale. Other contributers were; Vi-Tel Cable, Carpet Specialists, Dick Bailey Motors, D & G Trucking, Beeline Junction, Henson's Feed Store, E.L. Rice, and Bennie and Donna Thomas.

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question. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being; Twenty three in favor, one against and no abstentions. Wilson, yes; Larney - yes; Cleghorn - yes; Clark - yes; Kamp - yes; Williams - yes; Wheeler - yes; Johnson - yes; Thomas- yes; Childers - yes; Hale - yes; Buck - yes; Primeaux - yes; Fox - yes; Buck - yes; Bible - yes; Foster - yes; Miller - yes; Bear - yes; Dunson - yes; McIntosh - No; Dunn - yes; Little - yes; Chupco - yes. Motion carried, the Bill 2-B was approved and recorded as such in the journal of the Muscogee Nation.

2-C A Bill Authorizing Tribal Lands to be held in trust by the United States of America. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings: A. The Regional Solicitor's office has recommended that the langauge used in several Ordinances is not appropriate to acquire land in Trust. B. The Regional Solicitor's office has recommended that the langauage be amended to ensure that the lands will be held in Trust. **Section 102.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend all previously approved Ordinances wherein the language reads: "The United States of America in Trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians, and hold said lands in Trust under the Oklhaoma Indian Welfare Act". And substitute the following language: THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN TRUST FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OF OKLAHOMA AND HOLD SAID LANDS IN TRUST UNDER THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL STATUTE. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Hale and seconded by Buck that Bill 2—C be approved as read. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Hale to amend Section 102 by deleting the existing language and adding in its place the following: "The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Tribal Ordinance NCA 85-03, NCA 85-06 and NCA 85-61 where in the language reads:" Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken as follows; Twenty four in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, the amendment to Bill 2-C Section 102 was approved as read. A motion having been made by Hale and seconded by Buck to approve the Bill 2-C as read the Chair called for the question. A roll call vote was taken with the results being; Twenty four in favor, none seconded by Buck that Bill 2-C be approved as read. The Chair called for discussion. Discussion was held. Chairman Sandy McIntosh informed the Council that this Bill had been to the Committee on Tribal Affairs and it was their recommendation that it be presented with a "Do Pass". Harley Little introduced Jorene Coker to give a brief report on the status of Trust Lands. Discussion was made on Section 102 and it was recommended that this section be re-written. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Primeaux that this Bill be postponed. Upon a motion duly made and seconded to postpone this Bill, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Ten in favor, fourteen against and no abstentions. Wilson - yes; Larney - no; Cleghorn - yes; Clark - no; Kamp - yes; Williams - no; Wheeler - no; Johnson - no; Thomas - yes; Childers - yes; Buck - yes; Hale - no; Primeaux - yes; Fox - yes; Johnson Buck - no; Bible - yes; Foster - no; Miller - no; Bear - no; Dunson - yes; McIntosh - no; Dunn - no; Little - no; Chupco - no. Motion did not carry, Bill 2-C remained on the floor for discussion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Primeaux to recess. By unanimous approval the meeting was recessed for fifteen minutes. The meeting reconvened with discussion continuing on A Bill 2-C. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Hale to amend Section 102 by deleting the existing language and adding in its place the following; "The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend Tribal Ordinance NCA 85-03, NCA 85-06 and NCA 85-61 where in the language reads:" Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty three in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The amendment to Bill 2-C Section 102 was approved as read. A motion having been made by Hale and seconded by Johnson Buck to approve the Bill 2-C as read, the Chair called for the question. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty three in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, Bill 2-C was approved as read and shall be recorded as such in the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

2-D A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Establishing the Creek Nation Tax Commission and Sales/Taxation Act was read and considered. BILL 2-D was approved as read and shall be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THIS BILL 2-D CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: The Chair entertained a motion to add Bills 2-E; 2-F and 2-G to the agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Johnson Buck to add Bills 2-E, 2-F and 2-G to the Agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty one in favor, two against and non abstentions. Wilson - yes; Larney - yes; Cleghorn - yes; Kamp - yes; Clark - yes; Williams - yes; Wheeler - yes; Johnson - yes; Thomas - yes; Childers - no; Robert Buck - yes; Hale - yes; Primeaux - yes; Fox - no; Johnson Buck - yes; Bible - yes; Foster - yes; Miller - yes; Bear - yes; Dunson - yes; McIntosh - yes; Dunn - absent; Little - yes; Chupco - yes. Motion carried Bills 2-E, 2-F and 2-G were added to the agenda for consideration.

2-E A Bill Confirming the Principal Chief's nomination of Ned Hodge to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners for the Creek Nation Housing Authority. The Bill 2-E was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. NCA 84-60 confirms and establishes the terms of services for members on the Board of Commissioners for the Creek Nation Housing Authority. B. On January 11, 1986 the Creek Nation Housing Authority had two vacancies of their Board of Commissioners. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief appoints subject to majority approval of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, Ned Hodge to serve as a member on the Board of Commissioners for the Creek Nation Housing Authority. **Section 103.** Ned Hodge having been confirmed shall serve a term beginning with the approval of this Ordinance and ending December 31, 1986. **Section 104.** The Provisions of this Ordinance supercede any conflicting provisions of previous tribal legislation. **Section 104.** The Creek Nation Housing Authority shall notify the Office of the Principal of any vacancy. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Hale and seconded by Johnson to approve the Bill as read. The Chair entertained a discussion. Wilson, Vice Chairman of the Business and Governmental Services reported that this Bill had been to their Committee and it came out of that Committee with a recommendation of a "Do Pass". The Chair called for the question. Question. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: ten in favor, thirteen against, no abstentions: Wilson - no; Larney - yes; Cleghorn - no; Clark - yes; Kamp - no; Williams - no; Wheeler - yes; Johnson - yes; Thomas - no; Childers - no; Robert Buck - yes; Hale -yes; Primeaux - no; Fox - no; Johnson Buck - yes; Bible - no; Foster - yes; Miller - yes; Bear - no; Dunson - no; McIntosh -no; Dunn - absent; Little - no; Chupco - yes; Motion did not carry, Bill 2-E was not approved and shall be recorded as such in the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

2-F A Bill confirming the nomination of Jim Bittle to serve as a member on the Board of Commissioners for the Creek Nation Housing Authority. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. NCA 84-60 confirms and establishes the terms of services for members on the Board of Commissioners for the Creek Nation Housing Authority. B. On January 11, 1986 the Creek Nation Housing Authority had two vacancies on their Board of Commissioners. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief appoints, subject to majority apoproval of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, Jim Bittle to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners for the Creek Nation Housing Authority. **Section 103.** Jim Bittle having been confirmed shall serve a term beginning with the approval of this Ordinance and ending October 31, 1987. **Section 104.** The provisions of this ordinance supercede any conflicting provisions of previous tribal legislation. **Section 105.** The Creek Nation Housing Authority shall notify the office of the Principal Chief of any vacancy. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve teh Bill 2-F as read. Upoon a motion duly made and seconded the Chair entertained a discussion. Wilson, Vice Chairman of Business and Governmental Services advised that this Bill had been to Committee also, and it was the Committees recommendation of a "Do Not Pass". The Chair called for the questioni. Question. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: ten in favor, eleven against, two abstentions: Wilson - no; Larney - yes; Cleghorn - no; Clark - yes; Kamp - no; Willimas - no; Wheeler - yes; Clyde Johnson - yes; Thomas - no; Childers - no; Robert Buck - yes; Hale - yes; Primeaux - no; Fox - no; Johson Buck - yes; Bible - no; Foster yes; Miller - yes; Bear - abstain; Dunson - no; McIntosh - no; Dunn - absent; Little - abstain; Chupco - yes; Motion did not carry. Bill 2-F was not approved and shall be recorded as such in the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

2-G Confirming the Re-appointment of Jonas Partridge to serve as a member of the Board of Commissioners for the Creek Nation Housing Authority. The Bill having been read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. On October 27, 1985 the term of office for Jonas Partridge to serve on the Creek Nation Housing Authority Board expired. B. On January 17, 1986 the Principal Chief re-appointed Jonas Partridge to serve on the Creek Nation Housing Authority Board. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief re-appoints, subject to majority approval of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, Jonas Partridge tos erve as a member on the Board of Commissioners for the Creek Nation Housing Authority. **Section 103.** Jonas Partridge having been confirmed shall serve a term beginning with the approval of this ordinance and ending October 31, 1988. **Section 104.** The provisions of this Ordinance supercede any conflicting provisions of previous tribal legislation. **Section 105.** The Creek Nation Housing Authority shall notify the office of the Principal Chief of any vacancy. **Section 106.** This ordinance shall expire on October 31, 1988. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Hale to approve the Bill as read. The Chair entertained discussion. Wilson, Vice-Chairman of Business and Governmental services stated that "Let the record show that we all have a lot of respect for this man", however, it was the Committee recommendation of a "Do not Pass". Upon a motion duly made and seconded to approve Bill 2-G the Chair called for the question. Question. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in favor, eleven against and no abstentions. Wilson - no; Larney - yes; Cleghorn - no; Clark - yes; Kamp - no; Williams - yes; Wheeler - yes; Johnson - yes; Thomas - no; Childers - no; Robert Buck - yes; Hale - yes; Primeaux - no; Fox - yes; Buck - yes; Bible - no; Foster-yes; Miller - yes; Bear - yes; Dunson -no; McIntosh - no; Dunn - absent; Little - no; Chupco - yes; Motion carried Bill 2-G was approved by majority vote and will be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Kenneth L. Childers requested that a letter which he had received from a Creek Citizen to be read. The Chair turned this portion over to Mr. Childers and the letter was from Loretta Pat Kelly,an enrolled full citizen.The letter was addressed to the full council on the subject of acquistion of the Fountianhead State Lodge. The Chair entertained other discussion. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Kamp that Item 5 of the Council Rules of Procedures be suspended to address the Bill rescinding a Bid made on the Fountainhead Lodge; and to place it on the agenda for consideration. The Chair called for the question. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being; fifteen in favor, eight against, no abstentions: Wilson -yes; Larney - no; Cleghorn - yes; Clark - no; Kamp yes; Williams - yes; Wheeler - yes; Johnson - no; Thomas - yes; Childers - yes; Buck - yes; Hale - no; Primeaux - yes; Fox - yes; Buck - yes; Bible - yes; Foster - no; Miller - no; Bear - no; Dunson - yes; McIntosh - yes; Dunn - absent; Little - yes; Chupco - no; Motion carried. The Rules of Procedures Item 5 were suspended and Bill 2-H was placed on the Agenda for consideration. A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Rescinding NCA 86-04 "Authorizing a Bid and Purchase of Fountainhead State Lodge and Related Properties." **Section 101 Findings:** The National Council finds that: A. NCA 86-04 authorizes a bid and purchase of Fountainhead State Lodge and related properties. B. The bid submitted by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was rejected by the Economic Development Administration. C. There is a need to rescind NCA 86-04. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby rescinds NCA 86-04. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Primeaux to approve the Bill 2-H as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held. The Chair called for the question. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty Three in favor, none against, no absentions. Motion carried. Bill 2H was approved as read and will be recorded as such.

Reports, Announcements, etc.

Goals and Priorities; The Speaker designated a Thursday, March 6, 1986 at 6:00 p.m. The Council was informed that this meeting was just to set the Council Goals and Priorities of what you want to get accomplished for the next two years, and that legislation would not be discussed before the Council on this night.

Planning Session; Thursday 13, 1986 at 5:30 p.m.

Announcements: Irene Cleghorn made a formal request to obtain information regarding funeral assistance in the amount of $1500 issued by the Creek Nation Bingo funds to assist a "Otoe" family who had requested funeral assistance.

The Council will have an Orientation at the Creek Nation Bingo Facility on Monday, February 24, 1986 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and that it would be an all day session and the Council was urged to attend.

A question was asked in regards to the status of the "Investigation of the Cattle Sales." A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Cleghorn to adjourn by a unanimous decision the meeting was adjourned. Benediction: Helen Chupco.

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Creek Festival Scheduled June 20-21

The Creek Nation of Oklahoma announces the Tenth Annual Creek Nation Olympics. Your tribe or community is cordially invited to attend this Festivity to be held in conjunction with the Annual Creek Nation Festival. The Creek Nation Olympics will be held June 20, 1986. Further information regarding starting time and schedule will be mailed to you at a later time.

Eligibility: Members of any Indian tribe between the ages of 8-15 years, who are 1/4 or more degree Indian blood. All participants are required to show proof of Indian blood.

REGISTRATION: To enter events, simply complete the registration form with medical consent form signed by parent or guardian and return it to: Creek Festival Olympic Coordinator, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, no later than June 6, 1986.

GENERAL RULES: A contestant may enter no more than two (2) individual events and one (1) relay. Divisions will be according to age and sex with exception of mixed relays. The 400 Mixed Relays, (2 males, 2 females). Females 1st and 3rd legs. All participants must show certified proof of age when registering the Olympics. This proof may be a Birth Certificate, school etc..

CONSENT FORM: The consent form is on the bottom of the registration. It will be the responsibility of the individual partipant to have their parent or guardian sign this statement giving consent for emergency medical treatment in case of an accident evolves during the contest. IF CONSENT FORMS ARE NOT SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN, INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICPATE IN THE CREEK NATION OLYMPICS.

FACILITIES: The Creek Nation Olympics will be held at Harmon Field in Okmulgee. (See enclosed map for directions to the field.) Harmon Field has excellent facilities for track events.

We now have an all-weather track, excellent lighting use, if needed and a stadium capacity of approximately 3,500.

MEN & WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The 12th Annual Creek Nation Festival Men and Womens Softball Tournament, will be held June 20,21 and 22 at the Creek Nation Omni-Plex located one mile north of Okmulgee.

The festival tournament consist of mens fastpitch and womens slo-pitch categories and has become one of the more popular tournaments in the Southwest. While the mens tournament is limited to all Indian teams with team members being one quarter degree Indian, the womens tournment is open to everyone, both tournaments are double elimination.

This year the men's tournament wil consist of 48 teams while the womens will have 24 teams in its bracket.

Entry fee for this years tournaments wil be $90.00.

An added attraction to this years mens tournament will be the clash between the East and West in an all Indian old timers game scheduled during the evening of Saturday, June 21. Many of the former Indian ball players will be on hand. The west squad from Anadarko may have the jump on the East squad as sources have indicated that the west squad is and has been practicing. Each team will consist of players who have reached the age of 45 or more. Joe Wetselline of Anadarko is in charge of the west team, while Dink Bemo former player on the Wetselline team, will be in charge of the east squad. Bemo would like to hear from players that may be interested in participating to contact him at the following address and phone number; Dink Bemo, P.O. Box 1673, Sapulpa, Oklahoma 74066, 918-227-2930.

After the game is completed, the Andy Berryhill Memorial Award will be presented to a former player from Eastern Oklahoma. The Andy Berryhill Memorial Award is presented annually to a former Indian player that has made contributions to Indian fastpitch. The Award is named after Andy Berryhill who was considered one of top players to ever perform on the field. Berryhill passed away in 1984.

Entries for the tournament can be sent to: Creek Nation Festival Softball Tournament, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma,74447 or call 918-756-8700, Cashier Checks and/or Money Orders only! or cash. Deadline, June 13,1986. The umpires clinic will be May 17, 1986.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Creek Nation Indian Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 21 and 22 at Fountainhead Golf course at Eufaula. Five men's flights and one women's flight will be held with cash prizes and awards for all flights. A free meal to all registered golfers will be given to by the Weleetka Indian Community. Other incentive prizes will be given also.

A forty dollar entry fee will be charged with qualifying tee-off times scheduled for 8 a.m.- 12 noon,

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PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX CONGRATULATES WINNERS OF THE CREEK NATION PRINCESS PAGEANT held April 22 at the Tribal Complex, Melinda Taryole (center) is the new 1986-87 Princess. She is the 17 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Taryole of Henryetta. Melinda attends school at Henryetta High. She performed a Traditional Stomp Dance Shell Shaking for her talent, she also presented a rendering address on the values of preserving tradition among our people. Niki Skeeter (left) is the 1st Runner-up. She is the 21 year old daughter of Andrew Skeeter and Ramona Mason, both of Tulsa. Niki attends Tulsa Junior College. She played an original composition by her father on the Traditional Flute. Jaulice Watson (right) is 2nd Runner-up. She is the 19 year old daughter of Lechita Watson of Sapulpa. Jaulice also attends Tulsa Junior college and performed a Traditional Stomp Dance Shell Shaking as her talent. Personal appearances by the new Creek Princess can be arranged through Rachel Thomas or Steve Wilson, Creek Nation, 918/756-8700.

GOSPEL SINGINGS

Salina, Oklahoma

May 17, (third Saturday in May) an Annual Birthday Singing for Terry Standingwater will be held at the Standingwater residence in Salina, Oklahoma. Directions: 4 1/2 miles east of Salina on Kenwood Road, will have sign at the turn off. Free supper will be served from 5:00 to 6:30. Singing will begin at 7:00 p.m. M.C. is Robert Jones and Charles D. Billey.

Springfield Methodist Church

Springfield Methodist Church at Okemah will hold a singing on May 24, M.C. will be Al Brown of the Ada Harmonetts. Everybody Welcome!

Muscogee Nation News

The Muscogee Nation News is a montly publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma in the Creek Nation Complex. The office of the MNN is located in the Tribal Mound Building at the Complex.

The purpose of this newsletter is to act as the official publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and to meet any possible need of the Creek Nation that is possible through news coverage.

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All editorials and letters will become the property of the Muscogee Nation News. Editorials must be signed by the individual author and include a traceable address.

Deadlines for submission is the Friday prior to the first full week of the meeting of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Any submission must be brought by the MNN office during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

Change of address or address corrections requested. For additional copies, call the MNN office at (918) 756-8700, extension 327 for arrangements. Address: P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK. 74447.

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SUMMER YOUTH APPLICATIONS

The Creek Nation JTPA Program will be taking Summer Youth Applications in the very near future. A counselor will be contacting the schools to set up appointments to take the applications. Eligibility verification is as follows:

1. Age group--14-21 years of age. (Anyone under the age of 18 will need either a parent or guardian to sign the application.
2. C.D.I.B. or enrollment card.
3. Income verification (check stub, letter from social security or welfare card.)
4. Social Security cards.
5. Number in family verification.
6. Address verification.

Please contact the school for the date the Counselor will be in your school.

CREEK FESTIVAL VOLLEYBAll TOURNEY

The Yardeka Indian Community is the sponsor of the 1986 Creek Nation Festival Volleyball Tournament to be held June 21-22. We would like to invite everyone to come and be a part of the excitement.Contact the Community Development office at the Complex, 756-8700, ext. 395, for more information. We hope to have all brackets and team game times ready by June 16. There will be a Food Booth also.The coed tournament will have a 20 team bracket, a 12-man team roster and a $40 entry fee. Make checks payable to the Yardeka Indian Community. First Place receives individual and team trophies, Second Place receives individual and team trophies, Third Place receives trophies and there will be one Sportsmanship Trophy given.

CREEK FESTIVAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Creek Nation Tennis Tournament will be held on June 21 and 22, 1986, at the tennis courts located at 1300 N. Okmulgee, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

The entry fees for any Singles Event will be $6.00, Doubles and Mixed Doubles will be $12.00 per team.

The entry fee deadline will be June 18, and the draw will be made Thursday, June 19. Consequently, NO entries will be accepted after this date.

Matches will start at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 21, 1986. Mail Entries to: Creek Nation Festival, ATTN: Kathy Brown, c/o Creek Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok 74447. Also, entry fees needs to be enclosed.

Make cashier checks and money orders payable to: Creek Nation Festival Tennis Tournament. No personel check will be accepted.

For detailed information, please call Kathy Brown, at (918) 756-8700-Extension 256.

WOMEN'S SLOW PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

May 17-18 at Bill Lantz Park, Tulsa, entry fee $80 and two, new 11-inch Green Dot balls. Contact Ken Fish, 321-3394. Deadline May 14.

MEN'S FAST PITCH SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Men's Class 'B' open tournament May 31-June 1 at Bill Lantz Park, Tulsa. Entry fee $80 and two new game balls, contact Ken Fish, 321-3394, deadline May 28.

LETTERS. . .

TO CREEK NATION:

I'm writing to express my appreciation to the Creek Nation for helping their own people receive training in institutions such as High-Tech Electronics Institute.

The instruction and training I received leads me to believe that the Creek Nation, through your office, made an excellent choice in HTEI for any Creek Indian who wants to pursue a career in electronics. Not only the training, but the personal interest as a school for each student is a big asset!

HTEI's instructor, Mr. Hubert Wood, could most assuredly be very successful in anything he wished to pursue in the field of electronics, instead he chooses to help students like myself to achieve their goals.

Ms. Welborn's help through business contacts helped me to attain a job with AT&T Product Service as a service technician trainee. If not for her help, I'm sure that I would have had to settle for something less than I want for myself.

Again, many thanks for allowing me to attend HTEI.

Sincerely,
Joseph Coachman

DEAR M.N.N.

I would like to use the M.N.N. to express my appreciation to the Administration of Creek Nation for helping to finance a trip to Shreveport, LA for my son, Tvse Ben. He is receiving medical attention at the Shriner's Cripple Children's Hospital there. Medicai care and traveling expenses are provided by the Shriner's. Creek Nation was supportive enough to give us money for motel expenses. Thank you Creek Nation.

Sandra & Tvse Ben Wilson, Eufaula

Dear Muscogee Nation News;

I am looking for any information of ancestors and relatives of my great-grandmother, Lizzie McIntosh (her mother was known as Hepsey) and my grandfather Ledtka Greenwood of the Eufaula area.

Any information will be appreciated and will be returned with postage.

Trish Curry
Rt. 2 Box 49
Bristow, Ok. 74010

DEAR EDITOR:

I am certainly enjoying my subscription to the Muscogee Nation News. I was born and raised in the Creek Nation, west of Henryetta, and have always enjoyed my friendships with the Creek people. Although I am a member of the Cherokee tribe, I have always considered the Creeks as being the greatest tribe of all, a proud Nation and rightly so.

Sincerely,
Vernon Grubb, Tulsa, Oklahoma

Miss Indian Oklahoma To Be Selected May 17

The Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant will be held at the Lincoln Plaza Dinner Theater in Oklahoma City on May 17, at 7:00 p.m. The price of the Pageant is adults - $7 which includes the program and $4 for children. The Pageant is sponsored by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women.

-LEGAL NOTICE-

Order Granting Legal Custody In The District Court Of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation

(Court ordered to appear in the Muscogee Nation News for two (2) consecutive issues by Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Judge Chinnubbie McIntosh.)

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF: RONDELLA EVELYN HICKS, DOB 10-21-76, ANGIENTETTE LEE HICKS DOB 11-15-77. NO. 86-5

The parental rights of Roy Hicks over the above named children shall be terminated at 1:30 p.m. on June 4, 1986 at a hearing before this Court at the tribal complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma in the matter of the adoption of the said children by David Jimboy and that a final decree of adoption the above styled cause shall then and there be granted and issued unless the said Roy Hicks shall appear and show good cause to this Court why his parental rights should not be terminated and why the said decree of adoption should not issue.

It is further ordered that the said Roy Hicks is hereby enjoined and restrained from, in any manner, interfering with or molesting Jency Jimboy, or her children.

The petitioner and his wife, Jency Jimboy, are hereby awarded the temporary custody of minor children Rondella Evelyn Hicks and Angienette Lee Hicks. (s) Chinnubbie McIntosh, Judge of the District Court.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Adam Christopher Hale

Adam Christopher Hale was born April 21, 1986 at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah. He weighed 7 pounds and 1/4 oz. The proud parents are Mr. & Mrs. Brent Hale, Jr. of Okmulgee. Adam was welcomed home by his sister, Jessica, who will be 3 in July. Maternal grandparents are Barbara Dailey of Oilton, and Duane Wright of Oklahoma City, Paternal grandparents are Brent and Bernice Hale of Okmulgee. Brent Hale Jr. is a former member of Creek Nation Citizenship Board.

CREEK CHURCHS URGED TO SEND IN HISTORIES

The Creek Nation Communications Department encourages area Creek churches to submit their histories, legibly written or typed to CN Communications Department, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, 74447.

These histories will be compiled into a book with photographs on Creek Church traditions.

Upon publication of the book, each church may wish to sell a certain number of these books as a fundraising project for their church. In this arrangement, the church would receive the profits above the printing cost of each book sold. For further information on this Church History project, contact Rita Williams in the Communications Department at Creek Nation, (918-756-8700, ext.328)

SMITH FAMILY REUNION

All relatives and friends of the late James and Sujassee Smith, George and Tildy Smith, Joe and Nora Bruner Smith, and William and Nellie Fields Smith are invited to attend a 'Hamburger Fry', May 31, beginning around 9:00, south of Dustin (two miles west, approximately seven miles south on Lamar Road. Lots of games, etc.

"Three Year Plan" is Controversial Creek Issue

By Helen Chalakee

The Creek Nation tribal funds are the primary funding source for the operation of our tribal government. The funds are to be dispersed at three year intervals according to a budgeting process called the "Three Year Plan". This plan was adopted by the Muscogee National Council in January, 1982.

Funds for the Three Year Plan are judgement monies awarded to the Tribe resulting from litigation filed against the federal government on issues dating as far back as 1818.

When these claims were finally awarded through the Indian Claims Commission, they were invested in the U.S. Treasury with federal law mandating interest be paid to the Creek Nation. No part of the principal amount is to be expended. Only the accumulated interest can be programmed into the Three year plan.

Chief Cox submitted the first proposed Three Year Plan to the National Council in 1981. The Council then authorized a public hearing to be held (NCA 81-87) on the proposed usage of the tribal judgement funds.

As a result of that public hearing, the National Council then passed legislation (NCA 82-11) authorizing the Principal Chief to proceed with acquiring Congressional authorization for the expenditure.

After the Creek Nation legislation was presented to Congress, the Bureau of Indian Affairs conducted yet another public hearing allowing Creek citizens the opportunity to submit oral and written comments about the Three Year Plan. This hearing was held April 23, 1983, at the Okmulgee County Court House and the deadline for written comments was extended to allow ample time for Creek citizens to respond.

Satisfied that the Three Year Plan was what the Creek people wanted, based on their comments, the plan was approved by the United States Congress, as well as the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Funds were then allocated for the first Three Year Plan.

Beginning October 1 of this year will start another three year period. At this time, nothing has been authorized by the National Council to appropriate funding for the tribal government after September 30.

All the necessary procedures have been completed. On October 19, 1985, a public hearing was conducted at the tribal mound for citizen comment. The Principal Chief has submitted a proposed three year budget to the Council in the form of a resolution for their consideration. The Council Speaker assigned the budget plan to the Committee on Business and Governmental Services on November 24, 1985, for their review and recommendation. When the new 85-86 Council took office nothing had been recommended by the old committee, so the Speaker reassigned the plan to the new Committee on Business and Governmental Services.

Leah Stacy was appointed the new committee chair. She had served on the previous committee as vice chair. Other committee members are: Frank Kamp, Micky Primeaux, Roy Bear, Jonas Dunson, Harley Little, and Jerry Wilson.

The new BGS Committee has met numerous times and made several amendments to the original Three Year Plan ordinance regarding implementation of the plan.

The following is a synopsis of "Three Year Plan" history in the Business & Governmental Services Committee from committee approved minutes available for public information in the Council office.

January 17, 1985- A committee meeting was held and the chair advised that this bill had been assigned to their committee, but they did not discuss it; the committee scheduled discussion for February 19, 1986.

February 19, 1986- The committee met, but didn't discuss the Plan; rescheduled it for February 26.

February 26, 1986- The committee met, but did not discuss the Plan, rescheduled for March 5.

March 5, 1986- The committee met, but did not discuss Plan because they said they had not received requested information. They did change affective date for the budget to be submitted, transaction reflected in NCA 86-05; a unanimous decision was made by the committee to request a proposed tribal budget for FY 87 indicating budget cuts for one year in hopes this would assist them in making a recommendation; rescheduled discussion on the Three Year Plan for March 19.

March 19, 1986- The committee met, but did not discuss plan at that time. They did request Jimmy Gibson and Dennis Springwater, BIA officials, to attend a meeting on March 27 to discuss tribal funds.

March 27, 1986- BIA officials did not attend meeting, the committee was informed that they had not followed proper procedures in requesting BIA officials to attend their meetings; the chairman rescheduled the meeting for another date.

The chairman contacted Speaker Roberts and requested that he set up a meeting date with the BIA officials and the committee.

April 3, 1986- The BIA officials did attend a joint meeting with the Council, the Bureau and the Executive Office, but the committee chairman did not attend this meeting, nor did committee members Frank Kamp, Micky Primeaux, or Roy Bear.

April 4, 1986- In response to the letter written by the committee on March 3, 1986, the Principal Chief did provide the committee with a proposed one-year budget for FY 87. The committee reviewed the letter and the budget and spent the evening discussing the proposed budget and began making amendments.

Committee member Jerry Wilson made a report to the National Council last quarterly meeting. He said the committee was considering several alternatives on the proposed Three Year Plan, one of which was a possible change from the three year period to a yearly process.

In a telephone interview with chairman Stacy, she commented that until the committee met with the executive director and accountant, nothing could be decided or recommended. The executive office said they had offered to meet with the committee, but that the committee had canceled.

Principal Chief Cox said that unless they approved the budget soon, there would be no funds available to keep the Council operational. He also commented about his preference for the three year budget plan as opposed to a yearly plan, saying the three year plan would allow the tribe a higher interest rate which will provide more revenue for tribal government services.

After the National Council approves a budget, it still must go to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for final approval. This could take up to thirty days, Chief Cox said.

The following chartered communities have discussed the Three Year Plan budget proposal and are in support of the plan to be implemented for the upcoming second period.

DEAR CHIEF:

At our latest regular meeting, held April 14, 1986, the "Three-year Plan FY 87, 88, and 89", for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was presented and discussed at length, as it has in many of our past meetings. As Chairman of the Okmulgee Indian Community, along with other community members, we attended a meeting regarding the three-year plan which was held in the Mound. Mr. Gary Breshears, Executive Director, explained the three-year plan in an easy and understandable manner. The three-year plan was made available for our members to read and we as a Community are in agreement that this plan will continue to benefit citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The programs made available from the three-year plan has benefited many Creek Nation citizens, including citizens living in the Okmulgee Community.

As Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, we do not always give you the recognition or the thanks you deserve, and at this time we would like to thank you for your attendance at our meetings and the support you and Mrs. Cox have always given to our Community. We appreciate you and the tremendous amount of good you have done for our Indian people.

Sincerely,
Cora Deerisaw, Chairman
Chiquita Juneau, Vice-chairman
Gayle Bevenue, Treasurer
Rachel Thomas, Secertary
Okmulgee Indian Community

DEAR CHIEF COX:

Recalling our conversation with you in your office on April !4, 1986, when our group, representative of the Sapulpa Indian Community, met with you, there was a mention of the Creek Nation Annual Budget which was again to be presented to our National Council.

Upon returning to our community, we have had meetings with our people to talk about various topics of interest to us all. We have given consideration to the advantages of a budget being set up for a three-year period as opposed to a yearly budget where monies are expended and services have to stop until a new budget can be approved.

We would like to go on record as supporting this three-year plan for the Creek Nation Budget because this would be of greater convenience without a hinderance to delay services to the people.

Trusting that our support in this will serve to help you to achieve the greatest good for all our Creek Nation citizens, we remain,

Yours very sincerely,
Reverend John Fixico, President
Mose Cahwee, Chairman of Board
Sapulpa Indian Community

DEAR CHIEF:

In the past several seeks, I have talked with several different members of our Indian community regarding the 1987, 1988, & 1989 Creek Nation three year plan and they all agree; "It is a good plan, for it is like the program of the past three years where many of our Indian people have received desired benefits. We want this kind of program. We hope the council will approve the budget." And I, as president of Muscogee Indian Community agree with the members of the community and strongly urge the approval of this budget. We appreciate you and the fine work you are doing to help our Indian people. God bless you.

Respectfully,
Lee L. Chupco, President
Muscogee Indian Community

DEAR CHIEF COX:

Relative to our community meeting which was conducted last evening with a majority of our District Representatives, I wish to convey to you our overwhelming support for the three year plan for the tribal budget. It is the determination of this community this three year plan has been a good working document for the tribe over the past three years and when something is working for the benefit of the entire Creek Nation, then why change until it can be foreseen that modification is needed. It is the hope of this community organization that the majority of our representatives will support our wishes in this endeavor.

Sincerely Yours,
Nettie Scott, Chairman
Weleetka Indian Community

DEAR CHIEF COX:

Inconsideration of the three-year plan which is being presented to the National Council, it is the opinion of the Bristow Indian Community that this plan would enable the Creek Nation to continue spending tribal funds without interruption in services; that this is the most expedient plan in that it would not necessitate a yearly approval.

I hereby give my support to this three-year budget and sincerely believe that an approval of this plan will benefit the citizens of the Creek Nation.

Sincerely,
Pat Presson, Secretary-Treasurer
Bristow Indian Community

DEAR CHIEF COX:

This correspondence is sent on behalf of the Oklahoma City Muscogee (Creek) Association, (OCMA), to reaffirm the organization's position on the proposed Three Year Plan. During our monthly meeting held in November, 1985, the minutes show the membership voted to support the Three Year Plan as proposed. In fact, the membership also signed a document to that effect to show our support. On behalf of the Association, thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,
Joy Harris, Chairman
Oklahoma City Muscogee Association

Ethan Bigpond Working Toward Federal Recognition For Houmas

Ethan Bigpond is a full blood Creek who is diligently working with a group of Indians in Dulac, Louisana, to gain federal recognition and reopen their community center which was flooded by Hurricane Juan last year.

He hopes to have the center reopened in about three months. His personal goal is to get the teenagers involved in the community and to develop new educational and recreational programs for the "Houmas".

Bigpond, 49, earned his bachelor or science in anthropology at the University of California. He is a native of Claremore, Oklahoma and has worked in Indian Affairs at Haskell Indian Junior College, the Oklahoma Choctaws, the University of California, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Carson City, Nevada. He was employed at the Dulac Center in March.

Bigpond said he also plans to increase the sales and marketing of Houmas Indian crafts, and seek grant assistance for the marketing plan. I'd like to see people like Marie Dean teach palmetto weaving," he said.

Mrs. Dean, a Dulac resident has woven palmetto fronds into items such as hats, baskets, dolls and fans most of her life. She is a member of the Houmas Indian Crafts Co-op in Dulac which buys Houmas Indian goods and resells them at festivals statewide.

"I've been here a short time and I see the possibilities, but it will take hard work," he said.

Bigpond has set his sights on obtaining new financial assistance through two community program grant programs.

Seeking money through the Home Start Program will provide tutoring services for three to five year olds in their homes, he said. Developing a recreational program including cultural activities is another goal, Bigpond said.

Bigpond's plans also call for developing pre-school children's programs, generating parent and community involvement, expanding existing programs at the center, and then overseeing all these programs.

"The opportunity is unlimited for young Indians," Bigpond said. Also, he said encouraging "self dignity and pride" in the Houmas Indians could lead to further community development.

"They've been held down so long they possibly feel there's no hope, but there is always hope through education," Biqpond said.

Health Fair Set By CN Hospital

The Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah will be presenting their second annual Health Fair on June 7 in Okemah.

The Health Fair will be held at Oaks Elementary School located at 16th and Broadway adjacent to the hospital.

Health Fair hours will be between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Services provided will be glaucoma testing, hearing and vision testing, blood prssures, blood chemistry (optional) with summary and referral by attending physician. A finger printing session for children will be conducted by the Oklahoma National Guard. Arts and crafts display booths will be available for interested parties to present their talent and wares.

The hospital needs the participation of the Indian people for enlightenment of services provided, but of most significance is the display of support and unity needed for continuation of services and care that our hospital provides.

The Creek people posses a unique achievement, a tribally owned hospital which should be a cherished entity among not only our own Indian people, but to the Indian people, but to the communities we serve. The seeds of apathy, indifference, and negativism serve no one, and these fruits of destruction will only lead to an ignominious end of a valued possesion.

Let us, together be of one accord and make the Creek Nation Community Hospital Second Annual Health Fair a successful and enjoyable event.

For more information, contact Wendell Bigpond, R.N.R.T., at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah. 918/623-1424, ext. 252.

TERRY BEAVER WAS THE HEAD LADY DANCER at the 14th Annual Central State University Pow-Wow. Terri is a Senior at CSU and is from Okmulgee. She is the Indian Club Princess and is an active member of the First American Student Association.

—OBITUARIES—

GENEVA T. BONSACK

Geneva T. Bonsack, 62, died April 17 at her home in Grand Island, Nebraska. Services were conducted at St. Mary's Cathedral where she was a member. The family suggest memorials to donors choice.

Mrs. Bonsack was born March 10, 1924 at Wetumka, Ok. to Berty and Augusta London Wolfe. She began her education in the Wetumka area and continued it at St. Scholastica academy in fort Fort Smith, Arkansas. She also attended Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. She was active in the choirs in both schools. She was in the U.S. Air Force in Alabama and the Marine Corps Command and Staff School in Quantico, Va.

She worked at the Veterans Administration in Oklahoma City, and for the Bureau of Reclamation and Social Security Service and Social Security Administration in Grand Island where she received an award after 30 years of government service upon her retirement in 1979.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Theresa Conn of Grand Island and Annette Determan of Glendale, Arizona; five grandchildren; one brother Edmund Wolfe of Tulsa, three step-brothers, James Wolfe of Sapulpa, Roscoe Wolfe of Texas and Lloyd Wheat, Jr. of Tulsa; and one sister Wilma Washington of Muskogee, Ok.

MAL· OM NEVAQUAYA, SR.

Malcom Tate Nevaquaya, Sr., 64 year old Morris resident died April 24 at a Muskoqee hospital.

Mr. Nevaquaya was born December 12, 1921 at Richard Spur, Okla. and served in the Army during World War II. He was a member of the Baptist faith.

Survivors include his wife, Bessie Nevaquaya of the home, six sons, Albert Arsee (step-son) of Okmulgee, Kenneth and Frankie Nevaquaya, both of Lawton, Malcome Nevaquaya, Jr. of Dallas, Adam Nevaquaya of Oklahoma City, and Darrell Nevaquaya of Holbert; three daughters, Deloris White of St. Charles, Mo., Vicky Nevaquaya of Anadarko and Millicient Landers of Morris; two brothers Lindsey Nevaquaya of Indiahoma, Okla. and Doc Tate Nevaquaya of Apache, Okla; one sister Greta Logan of Garden Grove, Ca.; 21 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Nevaquaya homeplace in Apache, Ok. Interment followed in Memory Lane Cemetery, Anadarko.

GEORGE H. HENRY

Services were held April 26 in Tahlequah for George H. Henry, 71, with the Reverend Jimmie Thomas officiating. Burial was in the Okmulgee Cemetery.

He was born August 4, 1914 in Schulter and grew up in the Okmulgee area. He was a staff sergeant with the 46th Infantry during World War II and fought in Italy and Europe. He was the recipient of a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars.

He married Muriel Green in 1945 in Sapulpa. He worked for Phillips Petroleum until he retired in 1976. He moved to Tahlequah at that time.

He was a member of VFW Post 3707, Disabled American Vetersans, Northest Tia-Piah and the Tahlequah Indian Club.

He is survived by his wife, Muriel of the home, two daughters, Galela Tomkin of Fairfax and Linda Cusher of Okmulgee; three step-daughters, Dee Wall of Henryetta, Susie Sanders and Mary Brown of Tahlequah; one step-son, R.T. (So ny) Tiger of Tulsa; 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

FESTIVAL Continued. . .

Saturday, June 21st.

For registration forms, please contact Judy Rolland or Cheryl Potts at the Creek Nation Complex (918) 756-8700 or Director Woody Kinney at 1-405-672-0741 or Junior Mitchell at 405-732-7260.

Umpire's Clinic Set

An Umpire's Clinic has been scheduled for May 17, 8:30 AM at the Dining Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Memorial to Honor Indian Veterans at Arlington

A memorial honoring Native American veterans is in the process of establishment at Arlington National Cemetery through the efforts of a South Dakota Congressman, Tom Daschle. Daschle has been working on the project with the Vietnam-era Veterans Inter-tribal Association since last fall. The memorial will be a living tree symbolizing the American Indian's relationship to the earth, with a bronze plaque mounted on a marble pedestal at the base of the tree. Daschle said the memorial will remind the millions of Americans who visit Arlington of the sacrifices of Native American veterans.

July National Award Winner in Basketball

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Charles July, Jr. has been named a United States National Award winner in basketball. Charles is a Creek/Seminole 14 year old eighth grade student attending school at Kepner Middle School, Denver, Colorado.

This award is a prestigious honor which less than ten per cent of American students ever hope to attain. Charles was nominated by his head basketball coach and will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally in November, 1986.

Charles has been in the Gifted and Talented program of the Denver Public Schools for seven years. He has also won several first place awards and ribbons in track and basketball. He played football for the Redbirds for three years, a Denver Pal League team and has been an active member of the Boy's Club of Denver for five years.

The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors or other school sponsors and upon the Standards of Selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiam, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperation, spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Charles is the son of Charles and Tressia July. His paternal grandparents are the late Wiley July and Hanna July of Checotah, Oklahoma and maternal grandparents are Lyman and Wanda Postoak of Shawnee, Oklahoma. Charles is also the greatgrandson of Nancy Harjo Beaver, long-time resident of Yeager, Oklahoma; Elizabeth Postoak, Sasakwa, Oklahoma and the late Kogee July, long-time resident of Checotah.

OKEMAH INDIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

Okemah Indian Community held a meeting on April 14, 1986 to organize the Indian community for the Indian people in and around Okemah. Elected officers are: Chairperson, Frances Lowe; Vice-chair, Florence McElroy; Secretary, Ernestine Henneha; Treasurer, Christine Burgess.

Regular meetings are set for the first monday of each month at Christine Burgess' home, until a regular meeting site is located. Next meeting will be held on June 2 at Amy Hill's home at 109-B Hypo St. in the Creek Nation area south of Safeway in Okemah. Time will be 7:00 p.m. Meeting will be at volunteer homes until site is located. Babysitting is provided. Everyone is welcome to come/need your support to build the community up again for the Indian people.

Wedding Vows Unite Couple

Vows were repeated in an Easter Sunday Wedding by former Bristow resident, Anita Bucktrot and Jerry Cheater, Seminole. The bride is the daughter of Betsy Duc of Seminole, and the late Wysena Madison Tony and the late Carmen Tony Bucktrot. She is the granddaughter of the late Wysena Madison Bucktrot and the niece of Phoebe Jones, long-time Bristow residents.

The groom is the son of Jerry Cheater Sr. and the late Lucy Marie Noel, Sallisaw. Vows were repeated by the pair at the Tabernacle of Life Church in Wewoka. Reverend Gary Harrison officiated the double-ring ceremony.

Serving her sister as Matron of Honor, was Mrs. Teresa Cheater of Seminole, wearing a white hat with blue ribbon. She carried a single long stemmed red rose. Flowergirls were Lakota Bucktrot, Seminole, and Krystal Mayes, Sallisaw, niece of the groom. They wore light blue lace dresses and wore white hats trimmed with ribbon. They carried brown woven baskets trimmed with blue ribbon and blue net in which red silk roses and baby's breath were arranged.

The flowergirls were escorted by ringbearers John Rosin, Jr., Seminole and Phillip Harrison, Holdenville. They wore white shirts and blue suits and carried white lace satin heart shape pillows.

The bride was escorted to the altar by family friend Larry Harrison, Holdenville. The bride wore a white satin and lace dress that tied at the hip with a white satin sash and fell to the mid-length with a white lace ruffle. The bride wore a lace veil that was fastened by a white silk flower comb, and carried a bouquet of white silk flowers.

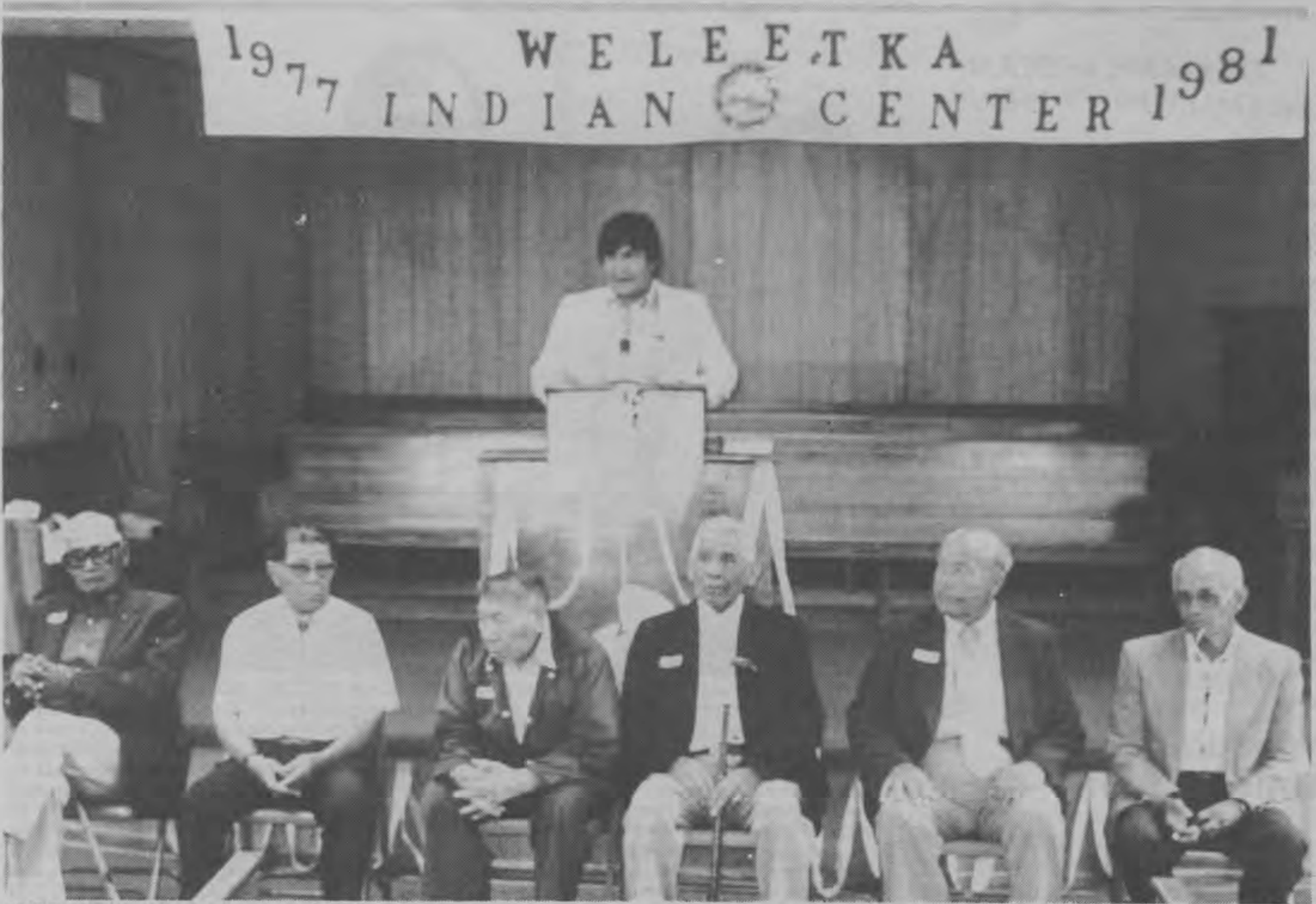
Music for the wedding was provided by guitarists Johnathon Wolf, Wewoka and Don Coker, Seminole. Singers were Nancy Harrison of Del City, Jeannie Harrison of Holdenville and Karen Harrison of Wewoka. Songs, "Lord, You're Wonderful" and "Consider the Lillies". Reception held following the ceremony at the home of Reverend Gary Harrison. The couple will make their home in the Seminole area.

ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY CONSULTATION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, held in Atlanta, Georgia, April 13-14 were, left to right, Ben Bushyhead, Executive Director of the United Methodist Native American Center at Oklahoma City University; Kenneth Deere, Associate General Secretary of the General Commission on Religion and Race of the United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. and Becky Thompson, Director of Council Programs for the Oklahoma Missionary Conference, Tulsa. The meeting was also attended by MNN staff for the purpose of acquiring resources available from the United Methodist Archives on Native Americans that can be incorporated into the Communications Dept. Creek Church History project. The United Methodist Archives and Ethnic History Project, which met to discuss the progress of the upcoming book they will publish on how early Methodist missions impacted on four ethnic groups in America; Native American, Hispanic, Black American, and Asian American, was coordinated by Carolyn DeSwarte Gifford. This meeting was one of a series of four two-day ethnic history consultations held to review and assess what historical research and writing must be done on the four ethnic groups to recover their histories and traditions, in order to compile them in book that can be made available to ethnic minority communities themselves and to the wider United Methodist Church.

CREEK FESTIVAL '86

June 20-21
OKMULGEE OKLAHOMA

ADMIRING THE HANDIWORK OF THEIR HANDS, Virginia Barnett, left, Millie Yardy, center, and Mollie Hicks, are active participants in the Arts and Crafts held every Tuesday and Thursday at the Dewar Community Center. These classes, which are a part of the Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Program, were funded by a small grant from the National Lutheran Board and provide a special time of meaningful activity and fellowship for Dewar Community elderly citizens. The Arts and Crafts are then sold at the Center with proceeds benefitting their organization.



THE REV. ROLEY HAYNES, A CREEK BAPTIST MINISTER FOR 66 YEARS, WAS HONORED MAY 3 AT THE WELEETKA INDIAN COMMUNITY CENTER WITH A SPECIAL SERVICE AND DINNER held in commemoration of Haynes (fourth from left) long and faithful service to his calling. Honored also were the following elder Creek mininsters; (left to right) Edmund Barnett, 87, Barney Porter, 84, David Harjo, 70, Haynes, 86, Anderson Childers, 71 and Rev. Tom Berryhill Sr., who was responsible for the Honor Service, assisted by Rev. Bunny Hill, (shown at podium), who is the pastor at Yardeka Indian Baptist Church.

INSPIRED AND MOVED BY GOD, Rev. Tom Berryhill Sr., retired Creek Methodist minister, was responsible for the Special Service held May 3 at Weleetka honoring Rev. Roley Haynes and other elder Creek ministers. Rev. Berryhill is shown giving the Welcoming address at the service.

Rev. Roley Haynes Honored With Tribute Dinner

A Special Tribute Service and Dinner was held in Honor of Rev. Roley Haynes, longtime Baptist minister, and other elder Creek pastors, Saturday, May 3, at the Weleetka Indian Community Center.

Inspired by God's guidance, this special service was the idea of Rev. Thomas Berryhill, Sr., who worked with Rev. Bunny Hill in seeing it become a reality on a sunny afternoon in Weleetka as friends and family of Rev. Haynes and four elder Creek pastors gathered for a day of fellowship and tribute to these exceptional men who have labored unselfishly for most of their lives for the Gospel.

Rev. Berryhill, Sr.,a pioneering Creek Methodist preacher himself, gave the Welcome Address, with Rev. Bunny Hill introducing each of the pastors; "We want to commemorate our brothers in the Lord for their long service to the Lord," he said, adding, "they have stood stedfast in the long, hard times they have gone through and as a result, I have seen our youth serve God with greater faithfulness."

A delicious dinner preceded the service at 1:00 P.M., after which everyone assembled in the church sanctuary at the Community Center for the service.

During the service, which included special Creek hymn singing, testimony and tributes to the elder pastors by friends and relatives, the elder pastors were asked to recount some of the early day history concerning their experiences as pastors. Giving these recollections were; Edmund Barnett, 87, pastor of the Artusse Indian Baptist Church west of Eufaula, who admonished those gathered to do as the Bible instructs - "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he shall not depart from it." He spoke of the necessity of teaching our children spiritual truths early in life; Anderson Childers, 71, Associate Pastor of the Lynn Lane Baptist church in Broken Arrow, told those assembled that he has preached for 40 years and what the special day meant to him - "What thrills my heart most, is that we elder pastors can now pass on the banner to these younger preachers and know that the work will be carried on..." Rev. David Harjo, 70, and Associate Pastor at the Yardeka Indian Baptist Church, spoke next, in Creek, of his call to the ministry and the joy and reward of that calling.

Sharing his experience, next, was Barney Porter, 84, pastor of the Cedar Creek Indian Baptist Church in Coweta, who recalled his 45 years of preaching of his friendship with Rev. Haynes, which started in 1956, when Haynes was a missionary to the Cherokees and other tribes in western Oklahoma and in Florida.

The Rev. Haynes, his vision undimmed and gait still strong and purposeful, then took the podium and gave an uplifting, vitalizing tribute to the One responsible for his carrying out his calling to the ministry - "It is only through the goodness and mercy of the Lord, that I have come this far - it has been reported three times that I died, but I am here to tell you that I am still very much alive!" he laughed, eyes glowing with wisdom and love for his people. "You know I had a stroke recently and must walk sometimes with a walker and now a cane, but when I had that stroke and the doctors told me how serious it was - I didn't leave my Master out. I said "if you want to take me home to my home here or my home in Eternity - I'm ready - let your will be done," and when I got well, I didn't thank those doctors - I thanked Jesus!" Roley went on to infuse those gathered with humbleness and reverance as he talked of miracle after miracle and the vitality of the early-day church - the days of fasting and praying and seeing results of their commitment from the pastors and early-day Baptist church members as needs were met and the vision for their people realized in their ministries. With a strong voice that never faltered and a command of Scripture, Roley recounted how he began to preach at age nine-of the hardships and joys of his ministry of 66 dedicated years.

Reflecting on the Scripture, he summarized his life from a verse in the Gospel of Luke - "Blessed is that servant, whom his lord, when he cometh, shall find him so doing..." "That is what I want my Lord to find me doing - the faithful servant carrying out the work he was given to do..." said Roley softly.

Rev. Tom Berryhill, Jr., paid tribute to the elder pastors for their faithfulness - "It is our way to respect our elders, whether it be Christian or traditional and I rever these elder pastors, because each one of them have touched my life," he said, pointing out the impact of their faithfulness on the younger generation - "We have here a few whom we can hold up and say "these are the ones who have stood." I covet their ability to stand. We who are young and educated have the ability to learn much and quickly - but this learning won't help us to stand-it's through fasting, prayer and meditation that these men have done in their lives that have allowed them to stand. They paid the price," he said, reflecting on the challenge set by the elders - "This dedication is something we, the young ones, have gotten away from but need to return to - these elders have much to teach us..."

State Hospital Picks Creek Chief of Staff

Dr. Ron Shaw, Creek/Osage, was recently named Chief of Staff for 1986 at Moore Municipal Hospital, Moore, Oklahoma. Shaw is a board certified internist at the hospital;. He attended medical school at the University of Washington, Seattle, and the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center.

Dr. Shaw completed his residency as an emergency room physician at Moore Hospital and joined the active staff in July 1982. His office is located on NW 12, Moore.

Currently, Dr. Shaw is treasurer of the American Association of Indian Physicians (AAIP) and Chairman, Board of Directors, Central Oklahoma Bureau of American Indian Health Council, which is the governing board for the Oklahoma City Indian Health Clinic.

Dr. Shaw resides in Oklahoma City with his wife, Lisa, and son Blain Franklin. His parents are Ruth Shaw, Tulsa, and Jack Shaw, Owasso.

CREEK PRINCESS PAGEANT CONTESTANTS (shown front row, l-r) Cherly Kay Harjo, Melinda Taryole, Penny Baker, (back row, l-r) Niki Skeeter, Melissa Burgess, Machelle Knight, Shelly Mitchell, Shannon Rogers, Velma Williams, Tonya Berryhill, and Jaulice Watson (Not shown is Judy Harjo)

Melinda Taryole Crowned '86 CN Princess

By Kathryn Bell

Melinda Taryole, 18, was crowned the new 1986 Creek Nation Princess during the Princess Pageant held April 22, 7:00 p.m. in the Mound Building Auditorium.

The 1986 Creek Nation Princess is the daughter of Sonny and Betsy Taryole of Henryetta and the granddaughter of Sophia and Van Taryole, Okemah and Tom and Lillie Gouge of Dallas Texas. For her talent, Melinda performed with shell shakers in a Creek Ceremonial dance, assisted by Tim and Louis Hicks, Tim Hicks was her escort.

Active at her tribal ground ceremonies, Melinda in her presentation, encouraged Creek people to become more involved in participating in their traditional activities.

Melinda graduated from Henryetta High School and was on the National Honor Society, Principal's Honor Roll, three years in the Close-Up Program to Washington, D.C., Varsity Basketball team, Varsity Track Team, as well as being a Cheerleader for two years. Melinda was also on the Student Council, Pep Club, FHA, FCA, Indian Club President, Freshman Basketball Queen, and was the Senior Basketball Queen Attendant.

Niki Skeeter was the first Runner-Up and Jaulice Watson was Second Runner-Up in the Pageant. Niki, 21, is from Tulsa and is a student at Tulsa Junior College. She is the daughter of Andrew Skeeter of Tulsa and Ramona Mason of Tulsa. Jaulice, 19, Sapulpa, is a student at Tulsa Junior College and is the daughter of Lechita Watson of Sapulpa.

Niki performed selections from an Indian flute made by her grandfather, Ben Porter of Muskogee. She received $200. Jaulice, a member of the Feathers and Buckskin dance troupe at Sapulpa High for four years, performed with shell shakers to a Creek ceremonial dance. She received $100.

During Pageant activities, Steve Wilson gave the Introduction, Anthony Hale, Representative to the Creek National Council from the Okmulgee District, gave the Invocation and the Welcome was given by Chief Claude Cox.

George Tiger, along with long-time friend, "Geraldine Pretty Woman," entertained the audience prior to the introduction of the judges by Dr. Ruth Arrington. The judges were; Ms. Audrey Barnett, Miss Indian Oklahoma; Leslie Barichello, former Creek Nation Princess 1981-82 and Miss Indian Oklahoma 1984-85; Alice King, Creek Nation Princess 1982-83-84; Joyce Childers Bear, and Robert Gann, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. Cora Derrisaw, Okmulgee, was alternate judge.

Each of the twelve contestants gave their Talent Presentation, and modeled their Traditional dress. Those contestants were; Tonya Berryhill, Melissa Burgess, Cherly Kay Harjo, Judy Harjo, Machelle Knight, Penny Baker, Shelley Mitchell, Shannon Rogers, Niki Skeeter, Melinda Taryole, Jaulice Watson and Velma Williams.

Rhonda Richards, the outgoing Creek Nation Princess took her "Last Walk" and touched the hearts of the audience as she paid special tribute to Indian elders, admonishing the youth to look to the elders for their wisdom and knowledge of the Creek way of life.

Chief Cox, prior to crowning the new 1986-87 Creek Nation Princess, congratulated the contestants and remarked of their talent presentations - "These contestants have really brought out a lot of Creek history and traditions and that is good that they have knowledge of their culture..." The majority of the talent presentations were traditionally Creek. The Benediction was also given by Chief Cox.

The 1986 Princess Committee included; Steve Wilson, Bernice Hale, Anita Tecumseh, Lane Morgan, Rita Williams and Rachel Thomas who is the Chaperone for the 1986 Creek Nation Princess.

The Committee wishes to acknowledge the following for thier contribution to the Pageant; Hepsey Gilroy, beading and design of the crown; Chiquita Juneau and assistants, decorating; Creek Nation Housing Authority for donation of a gift certificate; Barton Williams for donation of a planter and plant; Richard Larney, check; Jimmie Jones for reception, the Creek Nation Communications Dept. for refreshments for the Reception and for the Printing of the Pageant Program; Okmulgee Indian Community, gift certificate; Creek Nation Senior Citizens, donations of decorations; Clyde Johnson, necklace; and Anthony Hale, gift certificate.

DEAR MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS:

This year's Creek Nation Princess Pageant proved to be a great success with the largest crowd ever to attend. We are happy that so many came and made this pageant a memorable one. Special thanks to you people who attended and supported the princess candidates.

We tried very hard to acknowledge all individuals and groups or communities that donated gifts to be presented to the new princess, but it seems that we overlooked the Weleetka Indian Community and Helen Chupco. Please accept our apologies; it was unintentional. The committee was aware that gifts might be coming in on the night of the pageant, and we were trying to prevent an oversight.

The Princess Committee would like to acknowledge the following individuals and organizations for their gift donations and/or time. Hepsey Gilroy, Jimmy Jones, Chiquita Juneau and her assistants, Anna Sterner, Janna Sullivant, Patrick Jones; also these CN Representatives: Richard Larney, Helen Chupco, Barton Williams, Clyde Johnson, Earl Wheeler and Anthony Hale; and the Creek Nation Housing Authority, The Creek Nation Rodeo Club, the Festival Gift Shop, Okmulgee Indian Community, Weleetka Indian Community, Helen Chalakee and the CN Communication Department, and the Creek Nation Senior Citizens. Thank you!

Special thanks also to Chief Cox and his wife, Lilly, for their support and the interest they take in Creek citizens, young as well as the elderly.

The Creek Nation
Princess Committee

DEAR PAGEANT COMMITTEE:

I want to tell you and hope you will pass the word along to the others on the Committee that I was delighted to be a part of the Creek Princess activities. You make me proud with your planning and it seemed that this time especially, the candidates were so pretty and bright. Further, the winner was such a winner - won't she make the Creek citizens happy and proud, too. Congratulations on another fine activity.

Sincerely,
Ruth Arrington

A TEA AND RECEPTION WAS GIVEN IN HONOR OF THE CN PRINCESS CANDIDATES, April 17, at the Creek Complex. Shown are Judges (l-r) Robert Gann, Audrey Barnett, Cora Deerisaw (alternate for Leslie Barrichello), Joyce Bear and Alice King.

THE CREEK NATION HEAD START "LITTLE OLYMPICS" was held in Okmulgee at the Creek Nation Complex on April 26. The Centers that participated were Okmulgee, Sapulpa and Eufaula. Each Center received a trophy and each child received a ribbon for each event he participated in. At the Track Meet, there were no losers. The events were 30, 40, and 50 yd. dashs, hurdles, tricycle races and relays. The highlight of the day was the Staff-Parent Relay. The competition was great with Eufaula parents winning First, Okmulgee parents won Second and Sapulpa won Third. Headstart students riding tricycles above are; (left to right) Kyle Bemo, Sapulpa Headstart Center, Brandon Berryhill, Okmulgee Headstart Center and Michael Wofford, Eufaula Headstart Center.

CN HEAD START NEEDS ASSESMENT

The Headstart Program is required to do an annual Community Needs Assessment. Please cooperate with us and return to: Creek Nation Headstart, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Date

Community of residence ____________________

1. Head of household (name optional) Male Female

2. How long have you lived in this community?____________________

3. Are you American yes no Tribe/Tribes

4. Number of people living in home

Ages 0-2 _______ Ages 9-11 _______

Ages 3-5 _______ Ages 12-14 _______

Ages 6-8 _______ Ages 15-17 _______

Ages 18 and over_______

5. Does your family have it's own transportation? yes no

6. Are your children currently enrolled in a Head Start Program? yes no

7. If answer is yes, where?____________________

8. How far do you live from your Health Care Facility?

9. Yearly income (check one):

Below 6,540 ________ Below 13,260 ________

Below 9,900 ________ Below 16,620 ________

Over 16,620 ______

10. Does your child or children have any handicapping conditions that the program could provide assistance with such as:

______ physical
______ hearing
______ eye sight
______ health impairment
______ mental retardation
______ serious emotional disturbance
______ specific learning disabilities
______ other
_____ speech

11. What do you feel is the greatest need of the children in your community who are under the age of six?

Headstart Centers Now Accepting Enrollment

The Creek Nation Head Start is presently taking enrollment for the 1986-87 school year at all four Head Start Centers. There are a limited number of openings so it is very important that you get your child's application in early. You may contact Raylene Stafford at Eufaula, 689-5613, Vicki Haug at Sapulpa, 227-4931, Phyllis St. John at Okmulgee, 756-8700 or Jane McKane at Yeager, 1-405-379-6693.

We do provide services for handicapped children. Parents will need to furnish proof of income, child's birth certificate, immunization card, and CDIB.

***GINA TIGER, CENTER, RECENTLY PLACED THIRD IN HER AGE CATEGORY,** in an Art Contest sponsored by Okmulgee's Century 21 Real Estate Company. Gina won the Third Place Ribbon in the First - Third grade category. Her winning painting entry was selected among 265 other painting entries. The six-year old Creek youth is a first-grader at Twin Hills.*

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Jackie Skeeter Selected To Receive OU Scholarship

Jackie Skeeter, daughter of Melba J. Skeeter, Glenpool, was selected to receive a $750 scholarship from the University of Oklahoma in Norman. Ms. Skeeter is a Freshman at the University, a member of OU's 1985 86 Achievement Class and a graduate of Liberty High School.

Sapulpa Indian Community News

The Sapulpa Indian Community held their monthly meeting May 10 at 9:30 AM in Collins Hall at the Public Library in Sapulpa. A Mother's Day dinner was held with everyone attending bringing a Covered Dish. The "Oldest Mother" was honored with a corsage.

There will also be a meeting held June 14 at the Public Library at the same time and during this meeting, any couple with a valid marriage certificate, can have a marriage ceremony performed for 22¢ by an ordained minister. For more information, contact John Fixico, at 224-9231 or 224-3219 or write: Sapulpa Indian Community, PO Box 1957, Sapulpa, OK 74067.

"Good News" From Thunderbird Mission

Fellow Native Americans:

President Ronald Reagan, has made the statement that there is a simple solution to all the problems we face as a nation, but he also says that the solution is not an easy one. I assume this includes the problems faced by Native Americans as well as the rest of the Nation.

Mr. Reagan is not ashamed to proclaim his conviction that the solution to our problem is a spiritual solution. Now I may or may not agree with his foreign and domestic policies, but I find no fault in his assessment of our basic problem. Whether we be Native Americans or otherwise, we must come to grips with the fact that the problems Native Americans face are America's problems, and the reverse is true. The problems America faces certainly concern American Indians. Our problems are real! They are serious and they demand solution. But everything tried so far has fallen far short and some "cures" have been worse than the disease. We will only get real lasting results when we apply spiritual solutions to the problems we face. How can I be so sure of this? In Daniel 4:17 of the Holy Scriptures we read: "That the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men." And in Psalms 33:12, " Blessed is the Nation whose God is the lord". God has made Himself personally responsible for the welfare of those who "seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness." But the very existence of all the strife, hatred and turmoil in the world is proof that men the world over have rejected God and His righteous ways. However, God still rules: So in the long run it doesn't really matter who occupies the White House or who heads the B.I.A., it really doesn't matter if government termination policies succeed or if the Gramm-Rudman law is allowed to work its will. What really matters is how well we cooperate with God. This is not to say that government policies won't affect our lives, for they surely will, but God will over-rule in behalf of the one who puts him first.

With the Psalmist he can explain: "The Lord is on my side; I will not fear; What can man do unto me?" This is truly good news.

Willard Sawyer, Thunderbird Mission
Rt. 1, Box 672, Bristow, OK 74010

Barnett Thanks Creek People for Support

Miss Indian Oklahoma, Audrey Barnett recently sponsored an Indian vs Diabetes tournament and Health Fair held in Tahlequah,Oklahoma.

The Indian Health Fair was a success as they screened 180 people in 11 hours.

One of the primary reasons for the Diabetes clinic is the concern of Diabetes that runs prevalent among our Indian people and the fact that it has hit Ms. Barnetts immediate family.

Audrey has conducted workshops on Diabetes at Tahlequah, O.U. and recently at Denver, Colorado.

Miss Indian Oklahoma schedule has been busy insomuch that she spreads herself out on weekends attending at times 7 to 8 functions.

"My time has been for my people" Audrey stated, and has become so much a part of me that I couldn't possibly quit(activities). There's so much a person can do for others, even after I hand my title over to next Miss Indian Oklahoma I will rest awhile-maybe-and then continue to pick up where I left off."

I want to extend a heartfelt, "Thank You" to my Creek tribe that has been so supportive of me in finances and prayer. I have traveled to many different tribes and always when I return I am so appreciative of my Creek tribe.

The winners of the Indian vs Diabetes Tournament were: Women- 1st place - Cherokee Nation, 2nd place - Okla Ladies, 3rd place - Drillers, 4th place - Cancrons Supply, Men- 1st place - Renegades, 2nd place - Pryor, 3rd Place - C.N. Bingo, 4th Place - F.R.U. The M.V.P. Award in the mens went to Joe Byrd of the Renegades, and Sportsmanship trophy went to the Barnett Family, in the memory of Sandy Alpert. Womens - M.V.P. Award went to Sherry Buzzard of the Cherokee Nation.

"The New Capitalists" Documentary Wins Award

"The New Capitalists": Economics of Indian Country , a documentary film narrated by Eric Severeid won this year's Western Heritage Award. The documentary illustrates successful enterprises undertaken by Indian tribes, providing jobs for tribal members. The award was announced recently by the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and the Western Heritage Center. Trophies are to be given at a special ceremony April 19 at the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Reprint from Akwesasne Notes, Volume 17, Number 6:

Words from the Indigenous Women's Network: "Indian women do not deserve to be beaten". . .

By Winona LaDuke

Dealing With Domestic Violence-

Philosophy: *"In respect for Mother Earth, we unconditionally commit ourselves to her, to our sisterhood, and to the Circle of Life."*

We as Indian women do not deserve to be beaten.

We as Indian women, realizing that we cannot endure pain of violence alone, can grow by sharing.

We as Indian women need to respect and appreciate the tribal differences among us and realize that we have all learned ways of surviving.

We as Indian women hold a vision of family without violence.

As the Mother Earth reveals her strength through the creation of life, we also derive strength from her to make positive change through our decisions.

A message to battered women:

If you are a battered Indian woman. . . there is help available to you if you ask for it. There is probably someone right in your community that you can talk to. Look for that person. Hiding alone with your problems will not solve it and take the hurt away.

You did not deserve to be beaten or hurt. The violence is not your fault. You did not make the other person hurt you - that was their choice to treat you that way! You cannot change them to make the violence stop. You **can** make some choices. They are usually hard, but with support from others, it is possible to improve your life.

If it is too dangerous for you to live at home, look for another place to stay until you find out what your choices are. If you are not safe in your community, there are safe homes and shelters for battered women where you can go with your children to be safe.

You need to know that the violence is hurting your children, too. They are frowing up in terror, fearing for your life and theirs.

Supporting battered women:

If you know a battered woman, **YOU CAN HELP!** Listen to her and believe her. Respect the danger of her situation by not telling others what she has said and by talking about what to do in an emergency.

Remind her that she is not to blame - she did not cause the violence.

Encourage her to see that she still has choices and to figure out what they are.

Do not give advice - she needs to find her own answers and she can do this with your support.

Stand by her - even when you don't agree with her choices - don't leave her to deal with the violence alone.

Supporting other women:

Loneliness, alienation and feelings of abandonment are prevalent among our people. This is attributable in part to the fact that Indian women have in the past been separated from their parents and tribe and raised in foster homes or orphanages, isolation and orphanages, isolation and loneliness are powerful influences which can be dispelled by sharing and confiding in others.

These human emotions and responses cannot overpower our spirits when we open our hearts in confidence with other women. Only when these subjective fears are brought to light can we see the reality of our commonness in suffering and despair. Because we rely on others to share our pain and loneliness we must make ourselves available to heal and support our sisters in thier time of need. In this way a burden shared is half a burden, and a sorrow spoken is released and dispelled.

The Pine Ridge Experience:

The Sacred Shawl Women's Society of Pine Ridge Reservation has been successful in its lobbying efforts with the tribal council. It is now a crime on the Pine Ridge Reservation to abuse a spouse.

The Society conducts community educational workshops on domestic violence. It also networks with women on the reservation, and maintains safe homes for abused women and their families. The Sacred Shawl Society counsels and provides transportation for victims of domestic violence.

The women of the Sacred Shawl Society follow the teachings of the Lakota people. The Lakota believe that the family is the foundation of the Lakota Nation. Consequently, to strengthen the family is to strengthen the Nation.

The families:

The discussion of the Talking Circles on the families dealt with both countering cycles of ethnocide, and the rebuilding of traditional support systems. They all felt that the traditional support systems have been the strength in strong families. In the summary of the Talking Circle, we said:

"Everyone needs to work on making the home a safe place. This is the responsibility of not only the father and the mother who live in the home, but also of the elders of the family. What is most important is that the children of the family feel secure. If a home is a violent place because of drug or alcoholism, it is the responsibility of the mother to take the children to a place that is safe.

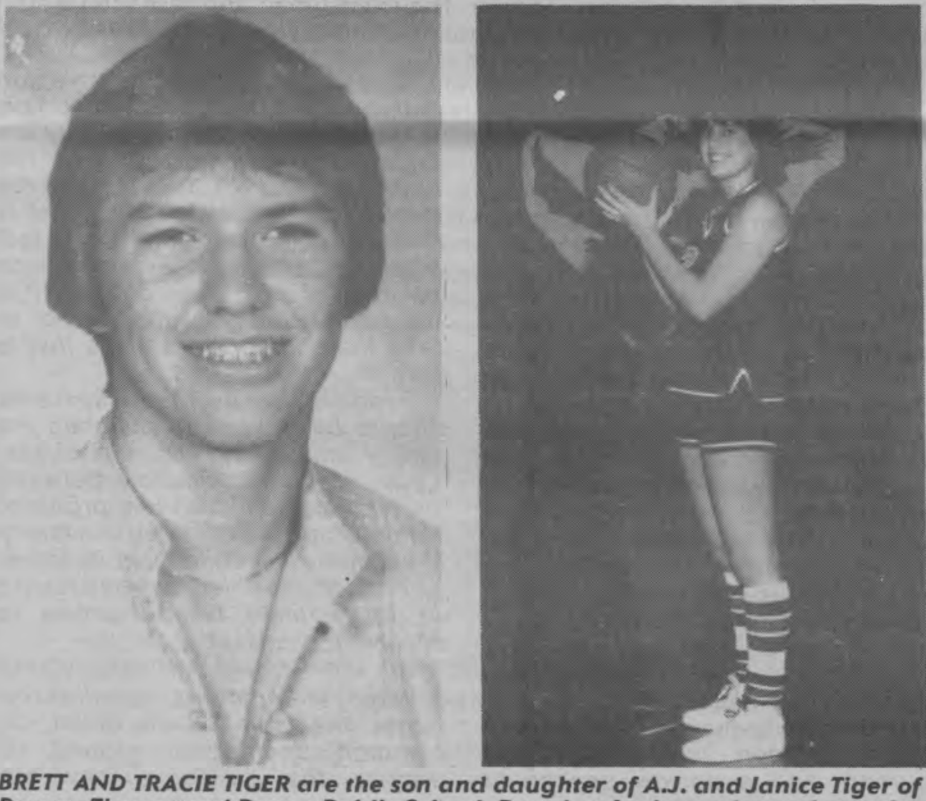
Traditional support systems should be utilized to maintain the family unit during times of stress. Lack of communication between parents and children is a problem. When problems come up in a family that separate a child from its father or mother, the elders can be brought in to facilitate talking circles to resolve these issues.

In the talking circles, young children, their parents, as well as the elders are able to sit down on common and equal ground to discuss the problems they are facing.

The talking circles affords each person in the family unit to speak thier mind and to share their concerns. We cannot resolve families in the family unit, unless we identify and meet the need of every individual in the family. By utilizing the family talking circles it is possible to resolve conflict by creating solutions which meet the individual needs of every person in the family."

When someone has problems, we need to help them. We need to be supportive among our own people if we are to deal with problems like child abuse, alcoholism, suicide, spouse and domestic violence. We need to help each other comb the snakes of our hair.

THE RECENTLY ORGANIZED OKLAHOMA INDIAN TEACHERS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, OITEA, held their first annual OITEA Pow Wow recently at Bacone College in Muscogee. OITEA is open to anyone of Indian heritage who holds an educational degree or is closely affiliated with the education profession. Shown are members of the steering committee (l-r) Glenda Sullivan, Pat Wilson and Lawanta Soap. For more information on membership call 918/756-8987 or 756-9075.



***BRETT AND TRACIE TIGER** are the son and daughter of A.J. and Janice Tiger of Dewar. They attend Dewar Public School. Brett is a Junior and was chosen for 1986 Boys State. He has represented his school for two years at the state finals in track and basketball. He is also the Junior Class Reporter. Tracie is her class vice-president and the eighth grade salutatorian. She was chosen 'Student of the Month' for February. Tracie is on the basketball team and the cheerleading squad. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Tiger, Dewar and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Riddle, Oklahoma City.*

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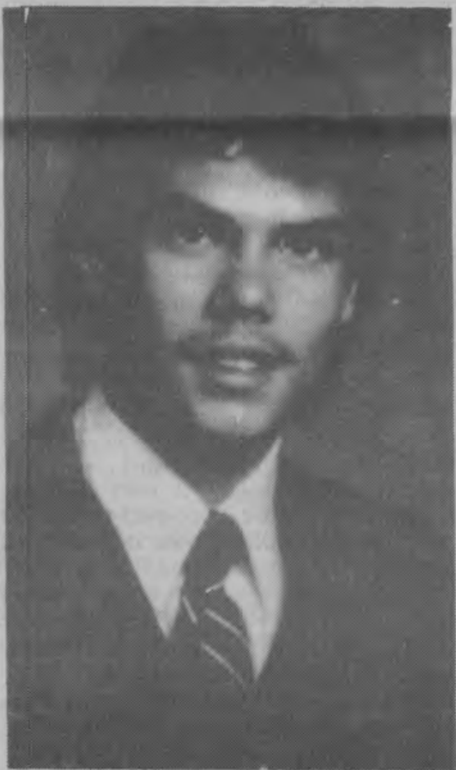


Indian Youth Excells In Sports at Weleetka

Anthony Keith Bencoma was born in Phoenix, Arizona on December 17, 1976. He is 9/32 Paiute Indian. He is the son of Marvin and Pamela Brown and the late David Bencoma Sr. He has attended Weleetka Public Schools since Kindergarten. He was a member of FFA for 4 years. Also 4 years in Football, Basketball and Track, 1 year Baseball. While in football he was picked and chosen for, All Conference and Offensive Lineman, also All District,East Central Conference. In Basketball: All Conference, Okfuskee All-Star Team and Henryetta Freelance All-Star Team. His plans for the future are undecided until graduation on May 15, 1986.

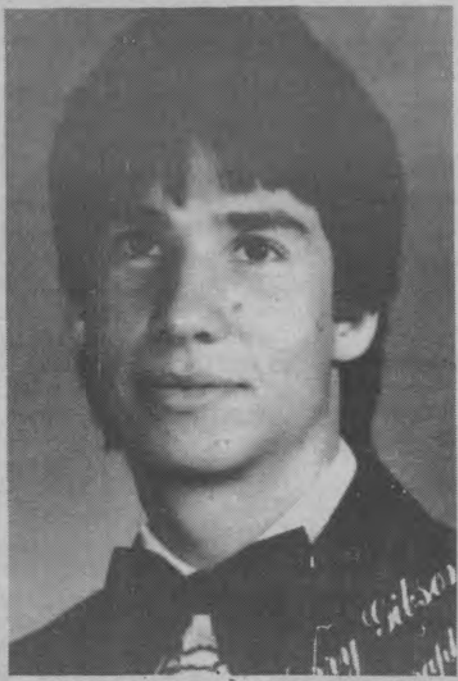
Creek SHS Student Serves as Page

Janita Eddrea Screechowl, daughter of Janice and Eddie Screechowl, Sapulpa, served as Honorary Page for State Representative Benny Vanatta at the 39th Session of the Oklahoma House of Representatives during Spring Break.

Janita, an eighth grader at Sapulpa Lone Star School, is a member of the band, vocal music, yearbook staff, the science scholastic team, and the junior high cheerleading squad.

Janita is also vice-president of the Lone Star School 4-H club. She is a member of the American Dairy Goat Association and is active in livestock showmanship competition placing a reserve grand champion in the nubian doe showmanship at the 1985 Creek County Fair and a blue ribbon winner in the nubian doe showmanship at the 1985 statewide invitional 4-H Goat Show and Workshop. She also was a blue ribbon winner in the afghan crochet and crewel embroidery category at the 1985 Creek County Fair.

Janita recently participated in the 4-H Promotion Day held at Crossroads Mall in Oklahoma City in February and was selected her school's April Student of the Month.



***DRU DARNELL BEAVER IS A GRADUATING 1986 SENIOR** of Kinder High School, Kinder Louisiana. Dru is the 17 year old son of Vance and Barbara Beaver and the grandson of the late Stella and Amos Beaver of Broken Arrow, and the great grandson of Jennetta Haikey Beaver Bland.*

March National Council Minutes:

Invocation: Jonas Dunson

Call to Order: Carney Roberts Speaker, National Council Muscogee Nation.

Roll Call: A quorum was declared with twenty four present and four absent. The roll call was as follows: Dan Barnett - Present; Johnson Buck - Absent; Helen Chupco - Present; Jonas Dunson - Present; Joe Fox - Present; Clyde Johnson - Present; Harley Little - Present; Micky Primeaux - Present; Earl Wheeler - Present; Roy Bear - Present; Robert Buck - Absent; Patricia Clark - Present; Betty Foster - Present; Tony Hale - Present; Frank Kamp - Present; Sandy McIntosh - Present; Leah Stacy - Absent; Barton Williams - Present; Larry Bible - Absent; Ken Childers - Present; Irene Cleghorn - Present; Bob Hardridge Present; Richard Larney - Present; Dorothy Miller - Present; Alexander Thomas - Present; Jerry Wilson - Present; Carney Roberts - Present. The Chair stated that any and all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

Reading of Minutes: 1. February 22, 1986 Regular Scheduled Meeting. A motion was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve the minutes as read. The Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held. A motion was made by Kenneth Childers and seconded by Micky Primeaux to add the statements that the Principal Chief made about the Committee Business & Governmental Minutes and the statement from William E. Foster in regards to "under who's supervision" was he under. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote on the amendments to the minutes as was recorded as follows: Twenty four in favor, none against, no abstentions. All present voting in favor. Motion carried. The Chair called for the question. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty three in favor, none against, no abstentions. All present voting yes. Motion carried. The Minutes of February 22 Regular Scheduled meeting was approved as amended.

March 13, 1986 Special Session. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Harley Little and seconded by Jerry Wilson to approve the minutes as read. The Chair entertained discussion. None. The Chair called for the question. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the minutes were approved as read with the roll call being as follows: Twenty three in favor, none against and no abstentions all present voting yes. Motion carried the minutes of March 13 were approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

Tribal Attorney - Jon Waxman gave a report on the Tribal Claim that he and his organization had been working on for the past three or four years.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS: Old Business. None.

NEW BUSINESS: Is as follows

3-B A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing Thomas McIntosh to file suit against the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Sovereign immunity of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is hereby waived for the sole purpose of permitting Thomas McIntosh to file a suit in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation; Provided that the liability of the Muscogee (Creek) shall not exceed $2880 (two thousand eight hundred, eighty dollars); and Provided further that this waiver of sovereign immunity shall apply only to the claim of violation of the Indian Preference Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (NCA 81-40). The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve the Bill as read. The Chair entertained discussion. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty Three in Favor, none against and no abstentions, all present voting yes. Motion carried Bill 3-B was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

3-C A Tribal Resolution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Responding to the Court Decision #C-85-4 The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Whereas, the Muscogee (Creek) National Council finds that the Constitution of the Muscogee Creek Nation provides the National Council the authority to provide advice and consent on rules of procedures of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court, pursuant to Article VII, Section (3). **Section 102.** Whereas, the Supreme Court has issued a rule of procedure requiring that only attorneys be permitted to practice in Tribal Courts without prior consent to the National Council. **Section 103.** Whereas, the Supreme Court has utilized federal case laws as precent to be argued in Tribal Courts without the consent of the National Council. **Section 104.** Whereas, The Supreme Court has violated the Judicial Code of the Muscogee (Creek) Government is disallowing the respondent ten days in preparation of a reply brief in the Case of #C-85-4 and denied the defendant due process of law in accordance to the Judicial Code. **Section 105.** Whereas, the National Council has found a need to make changes to the Tribal Election Code; **Section. 106.** Whereas, the National Council finds that case #C-85-4 was brought against agencies of the Muscogee Nation and without prior consent of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council in accordance with NCA 82-30 Section 101 (d) (6). **Section 107.** Whereas, the Election Board conducted an election that had a large number of problems and irregularities. **Section 108.** NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: 1) The National Council finds that the Rulings of the Supreme Court are not recognized until authority has been granted by Tribal Ordinance; 2) The Supreme Court ruling requiring that only attorneys be permitted to practice in Tribal Courts is voided; 3) The federal Constitution and statues may continue to be argued as allowed by Tribal Ordinance NCA 82-30 Section 102; 4) The National Council shall revise the Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-82 entitled "Establishing Regular and Special Election Laws. 5) Tribal funds will not be awarded to pay for Attorney fees; 6) A tribal ordinance will be drafted repealing all Tribal Ordinances that provide the appointments of the existing Tribal Election Board. The Resolution having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Irene Cleghorn to approve the Resolution as read. The Chair entertained discussion. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Kenneth Childers to amend section 108 (1) by changing the word "Rulings" to "Decision and add the phrase "of #C-85-4." The Chair entertained Discussion. The Chair called for the question. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty in favor, two against and one abstention. Those voting against were Helen Chupco and Tony Hale, Earl Wheeler abstaining. Motioned carried the amendment was approved as read. The Chair called for the question. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken for the approval of the Resolution as amended. The Roll Call vote was as follows: Twenty two in favor, two against and no abstentions. Those voting against follows: twenty two in favor, two abstaining and one against: Helen Chupco and Earl Wheeler both abstaining and Tony Hale voting no. Motion carried. The resolution (3—C) was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

3-D A bill supporting the Presnell Associates, Inc. Tribal Road Study. The Bill 3-D was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: Whereas Presnell Associates Inc., AKA the Contractors having been empowered by contract with the BIA, Branch of Roads to conduct a transportation planning study within the state of Oklahoma and Whereas, the Contractor has conducted an inventory of roads identified by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as being

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Plan To Attend The Exciting

12th Annual Creek Nation

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JUNE 20-21, 1986

Letter From Evangelist Ernest Best...

We greet you in the wonderful name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. We also send greetings from our Indian brothers in Christ scattered throughout the Indian Nations of North America.

> *"Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do well; seek judgement, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord; though our sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." -ISAIAH 1: 16-18*

Here we find God pleading with Israel to return to a true worship of God. Israel had forsaken the Lord God and had become very sinful. Their people had become very corrupt. They worshiped and sacrificed, and came before the Lord, but their sinfulness had cut them off from God. He did not accept their sacrifices, nor hear them when they came to Him. God said, "Wash you, and make you clean." God's creation must come before Him with a clean heart. . .made clean by the Blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. Evil must be put away if mankind is to worship the true and living God. He must cease to do evil. God always says, "Come now and let us reason together." "Come now" is the plea of the Lord through His gospel. God is not unreasonable. He is very reasonable, for He provides a way for everyone to be made clean. It is through the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the perfect Lamb of God who shed His blood on Calvary for all. "Whosoever will, let him come." Truly, our hearts are burdened for the tens of thousands of our people who do not know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Our prayer to God for our Indian brothers, according to the flesh, is that they might be saved.

We spent two weeks on Pine Ridge Reservation in March. Bros. Richmond Carr and Randy Colbert, from our area, went with me. Upon arrival in Pine Ridge, word came that one of our brothers had lost his mother in death. We thank the Lord that we could be with him and his family during this time. We had the opportunity to speak at the wake service. Many people attend a wake service who would not go to a church service. It was a joy to see how God gave strength to this family during their time of grief. God's grace is sufficient for each of us. Praise His wonderful name.

The first week was spent at Pine Ridge village with a Bible Conference in the afternoon and revival service at night. Bro. Richmond preached in Sunday night through Wednesday and I preached Thursday night through Sunday morning. The Bible classes and the revival services were well attended. God did some great things among the members of the local church, for which we praise Him. The second week was spent north of the Wounded Knee area. Bro. Randy led the singing and I preached each night, Sunday through Friday. God blessed with good crowds each night. There was a great victory in the life of one woman. After 14 years of praying for her, she accepted Christ as her Savior. This lady and her daughter, who was already saved, need your prayers to uphold them in the midst of Satan's stronghold. There were others who came for prayer and committment of their lives.

After coming back to Oklahoma, I had a revival for one week at Tahlequah. God blessed each night with good services.

As we have begun our travels for this year, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that we will be very sensitive to the leadership of the Holy Spirit; for our health, especially Bennie's; for the power of God to be upon our lives as never before; the working of the Holy Spirit in the hearts of those who are lost. We thank you for your prayers and support of this ministry.

Your Missionaries to the North American Indians,
Brother Ernest and Bennie Best

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important to the tribe, and Whereas, the Contractor has developed a recommended tribal road improvement plan based on an objective evaluation of all available information, and Whereas, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has reviewed the Tribal road report prepared by the Contractor, dated January 24, 1986; **Section 102. NOW** THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby concurs with the conclusions and recommendation presented by Presnell Associates, INC., in their Tribal Road Report, and confirms that the roads identified in this report are of high interest to the tribe. The Bill having been read the Chair entertaine a motion. A motion was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Pat Clark to approve the Bill as read. The Chair entertained discussion. The Chair of the Committee on Tribal Affairs reported that this item had been to Committee and it was the Committees recommendation that it be presented with a DO PASS. The Chair called for the question. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty three in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The Bill 3-D was approved as read.

3-E A Bill approving an Oil and Gas Mining lease on Tribal Lands between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and James E. Vincent DBA Vincent Production Co., Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The oil and gas mining lease between the Muscogee Nation and the James E. Vincent DBA Vincent Production Co., of Tulsa, Oklahoma is hereby approved for a cash bonus of $8,160.00 at a royalty rate of 20% for a term of three years for the following described lands: Undivided 1/2 minerals in the E 1/2 SW 1/4; SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Section 15 TION RIO E; containing 120 acres more or less in Okfuskee District, Muscogee Nation. (Okfuskee County, State of Oklahoma). The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made and seconded by Richard Larney and seconded by Joe Fox to approve the Bill as read. Upon a duly made and seconded the Chair entertained discussion. The Chairman of the Committee on Tribal Affairs reported that this item came out of Committee with a recommendation of a DO PASS. A motion was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Micky Primeaux to amend Section 101 by adding the phrase "payable to Muscogee (Creek) Nation"; insert this phrase immediately after 20% and before the word "for". The Chair called for the question. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty three in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The amendment to 3 E was approved as read and shall be recorded as such. The Chair called for the question.A roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty two in favor, none against and one abstention that being Jerry Wilson. Motion carried Bill 3-E was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

3F A Bill rescinding NCA 85-76 "Declaring No Confidence in the Director of Tribal Affairs. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: A. NCA 85-76 is an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Declaring No Confidence in Buddy York to Serve in the capacity of the Director of Tribal Affairs. B. It is the legal opinion of the General Counsel of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation that NCA 85-76 has not effect or force the law in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby rescinds NCA 85-76. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Tony Hale and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve the Bill as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded the Chair entertained discussion.Sandy McIntosh, Chairman of the Committee on Tribal Affairs reported that this item had been to Committee and that it is being presented with a Recommendation of a DO PASS. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Childers that this be taken into an Executive Session. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chair called for the question. Question. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in favor, five against and no abstentions. Those taken with the results being: eighteen in favor, five against and no abstentions: Those voting against were: Jonas Dunson, Frank Kamp, Delbert Dunn, Richard Larney and Alexander Thomas. Motion carried, the bill was taken into Executive Session.

3 G. A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Rescinding Tribal Ordinance NCA 85-33 and NCA 85-58 (An Amendment to the Three-Year-Plan). The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings: The National Council Finds that: A. NCA 85-33 and NCA 85-58 amends NCA 82-11, the Three Year Plan. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby rescinds NCA 85-33 and NCA 85-58. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Jonas Dunson to approve the Bill as read. Jerry Wilson, Vice Chairman reported that this item came out of their committee with a recommendation of DO PASS. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty three in favor, none against, and no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill 3G was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

3 H A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending Tribal Ordinance NCA 82-11 (The Three Year Plan was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. NCA 82-11 establishes a procedure for programming future tribal funds through the three-year plan process. **Section 102.** The National Council hereby amends NCA 82-11 as follows: A. Section 102, Section Six delete the phrase "On or before October 31, 1985, and every third year thereafter," and insert the phrase "on or before August 1, 1986 and every third year thereafter." The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Frank Kamp to approve the Bill as read. The Chair entertained discussion. Jerry Wilson, Vice Chairman Business & Governmental Services reported that this item came out of their committee with a recommendation of a DO PASS. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded the Chair called for a question. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty two in favor, none against and one abstention, that being: Tony Hale. Motion Carried. Bill 3H was approved and shall be recorded as such.

3 I A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the Purchase of Property and Facilities for use by the Sapulpa Indian Community. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds: A. It is the goal of the Tribal Government to assist in Chartered Creek Indian Communities in securing facilities for activities and service for Creek Indian people. B. The Sapulpa Indian Community is chartered, organized, and identified available property and facilities for a community center. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to negotiate and purchase the following properties and facilities: Legal Description: A twenty acre tract in the Southwest Quarter of Section 32 T18n R11E, lying immediately north and adjacent to the right of way of the Saint Louis and San Francisco Railway Company and encompassed within the following area: beginning at a point 3175′ south of the north quarter corner of said section, thence southwesterly along the north boundary of said right of way, thence southwesterly along north boundary of said right of way 2020 feet thence due north 661 feet, more or less, to a point due West of the point of beginning thence due east of the point of beginning. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief is authorized to administer and expend funds not to exceed the realtor's $225,000 purchase price plus any actual costs of closing the transaction, all from Docket 21/276 Capital Acquistion. **Section 104.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation requests that the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs accept the purchase of lands described in Section 102 under the following title " The United States of American in Trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians, and hold said lands in trust under the appropriate federal statute." The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Delbert Dunn and seconded by Earl Wheeler to approve the Bill as read. The Chair entertained discusison on Bill 3I The Chairman of the Committee on Tribal Affairs reported that this item had been assigned to his committee and comes out with a recommendation of DO PASS. A motion was made by Alexander Thomas and seconded by Micky Primeaux to amend Section 103 in the second line by adding the dollar amount of $225,000 after the word "realtor's and before proposed. The Chair called for more discusion. There was not. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chair called for the question on the amendment. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty three in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The amendment was approved as read and shall be reflected in the final draft. The Chair entertained a question. Question. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty three in favor, none against and no abstentions. **Section 102.** Whereas, in the case of Harjo vs. Kleppe, Judge Bryant recognized that the authority to expend funds under the control of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was vested in the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. **Section 103.** Whereas, the Principal Chief has submitted and negotiated a indirect cost proposal to the U.S. Department of Labor and this cost proposal represents the Administrative Budget for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Section 104. WHEREAS, this cost proposal was submitted without prior consent of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council and funds in the excess of $700,000.00 are currently being received and spent in the name of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (FY—86)

Section 105. WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) National Council attempted to address this issue in passing NCA 83-61 which was vetoed by the Principal Chief.

Section 106. WHEREAS,NCA 81-13 provided authorization for the creation of the Executive office, however it did not approve the Administrative budget or appropriate funds for these cost centers.

Section107. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: A. That the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall inform the U.S. Department of labor that any indirect cost budget proposal in the future must have attached a tribal Ordinance endorsing; the proposal.

B. That the Speaker of the National Council shall inform the U.S. Department of Interior that any indirect costs budget proposals in the future must have attached a tribal ordinance endorsing the proposal. C. That the Speaker of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall inform the Principal Chief that he alone does not have the authority to submit a indirect cost budget to any federal agencies without prior consent from the National Council.

D. That beginning in FY-87 any tribal budget that contains a indirect cost rate percentages shall be rejected by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Council until the indirect cost budget has been approved by the National Council.

MOTION CARRIED. BILL 3-I was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

OTHER BUSINESS. 3j-A Council resolution Regarding the Indirect Cost Budgeting Process. 3K A BILL amending NCA 86-08 "Establishing the Creek Nation Tax Commission and Sales Taxation Act." The Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the Agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Tony Hale and seconded by Betty Foster to place these items on the Agenda for consideration.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken.twenty-two in favor and none against and one absent, that being Delbert Dunn. Motion Carried. Bills 3j and 3K was placed on the agenda for consideration. 3-J A Council Resolution Regarding the Indirect Cost Budgeting Process was read and considered as follows.

Section 101. WHEREAS, the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Article VI, Section 3, specifically states: "The Principal Chief shall prepare the annual budget requests and supplements thereto and with the advice and consent of the National Council administer funds within the control of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

E. That the Muscogee (Creek National Council intends to take this issue to Tribal Court and if necessary to federal court if this resolution does not resolve this issue. The Resolution having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Jonas Dunson and seconded by Irene Cleghorn to approve the Resolution as read. The Chair entertained discussion.(On Resolution 3-K)

Jerry Wilson, Vice Chairman of the Committee on Business and Governmental Services reported that this Resolution came out of their Committee with a Recommendation of a "Place it on the Agenda with a Recommendation of a DO PASS".

The Chair called for the question. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in Favor Four Against, Two Abstentions those being against were Clyde Johnson, Bob Hardridge, Richard Larney, Dorothy Miller, those abstaining were: Betty Foster and Tony Hale. MOTION CARRIED. By majority vote the Council Resolution "Regarding the Indirect Cost Budgeting Process" was approved and shall be recorded as such.

3.K A BILL Amending NCA 86-08 "Establishing the Creek Nation Tax Commission and Sales/Taxation Act". The BILL was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. The National Council hereby amends NCA 86-08 as follows: A. Section 203 (C) is amended to read: Tobacco Revenue Rates effective June 1, 1986. B. Section 203 (c) (1) is amended to read: Cigarettes two and one-half cents (0.021/2) per pack.

Section 103. The Secretary shall be required to compile an amended version, and the Speaker and the Principal Chief shall be required to execute original signatures to the amended versions of NCA 86-08. The Bill (3-K) having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Roy Bear and seconded by Mickey Primeaux to approve the BILL as read. The Chair entertained discussion. Jerry Wilson, Vice Chairman of the Committee on Business and Governmental Services reported that this item had been re-assigned to their Committee and was reviewed thoroughly and that it was being presented to the Council with a recommendation of a "DO PASS". A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Mickey Primeaux to amend Section 101. by deleting "A" and changing "B" to "A". Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call was taken on the amendment. Twenty two in Favor, None Against NO Abstentions. Those being Absent, Delbert Dunn.

MOTION CARRIED. The amendment was approved as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chair called for action on 3-K. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in Favor, Two Against, No Abstentions: Those being against, Sandy McIntosh, Roy Bear.

MOTION CARRIED: BILLf 3-K was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—REPORTS, ETC., Planning Session- April 17, 1986 at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: AND BENEDICTION.

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PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX PRESENTS WILLIE FRANK HANEY, JR. with a Diploma at Graduation Ceremonies held for the Okmulgee Headstart Center at the Complex on May 14. There were six graduates from that Center.

CN Head Start Students Graduate With Pride!

The Okmulgee Creek Nation Headstart Center held Graduation exercises May 14 at 2:00 p.m. at the Okmulgee Center at the Complex.

Chief Claude Cox presented diplomas to the following 1986 graduates: Dusty Joe Dunn, Nicole Renee Flechs, Willie Frank Haney, Jr., Sarah Jean Micco, Seth Eugene Wahnee and Alissa Jo Woodfield.

The Program began with a Processional of Pomp and Circumstance played by Pianist Bernice Hale, a Creek Nation employee. Invocation was given by Jimmy Hill and the Pledge of Allegience by the 1986 Graduating Class.

The Welcome and Introductions were given by Janet Lynn, Creek Nation Headstart Director. "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" was then done by all of the students. Gretchen King, Upward Bound Director at Conners State College in Warner, OK was the Guest Speaker.

Olympic Ribbons were presented to Amelia Brown and Karen Calloway of the Center. Parent Volunteer Awards were presented to the following parents; Christine Berryhill, Lyndell Berryhill, Mary Dunn, Thomas Dunn, Karrie Flechs, Tammy Arsee, Sequoyah Flechs, Jeannie Edward, Marjorie Chalakee, Pam Ferguson, Anthony Ferguson, Millicent Landers, Phyllis St. John, Jerri-On-The-Hill, Lisa Wahnee, Steve Woodfield, Emily Woodfield, and Vicky Watashe.

The Benediction was given by Jimmy Hill and a Reception followed Graduation.

The Creek Nation Headstart Program is under the Division of Human Development, Mark Downing, Director. The Okmulgee Headstart Center teacher is Paul Harjo, with Aides Amelia Brown and Karen Calloway. The Head Start Supervisor is Phyllis St. John.

United Indian Methodist Hold District Conference

By Kathryn Bell

In a history-making move, Saturday, June 7 at the Annual Session of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church, the Conference approved the first woman in their history to take the office of a diaconal minister. Becky Thompson, Creek, was consecrated and ordained by Bishop John Wesley Hardt of the United Methodist Church in an Ordination Service held at the Assembly Ground at the Northeast District Center near Preston - the site of the Annual Conference this year.

Mrs. Thompson currently serves as the Director of Council Programs of the Conference - a critical appointment in itself - she is the only woman and lay person to be chosen for this post within the history of this particular Conference.

Speaking on behalf of the importance of Mrs. Thompson's selection as a Diaconal Minister, Bishop Hardt, who conducted the Consecration Service, said; "Tonight we have come to an historic moment in the history of this Conference with the consecration of Mrs. Thompson as a Diaconal Minister. It has been a journey of faith for Becky and in other symbolic representation, this service has been carefully planned for everyone here to share in this holy and sacred moment..."

The Bishop affirmed Mrs. Thompson to the special ministerial duties of Diaconal Minister and led the congregation in a prayer of consecration for Mrs. Thompson. There followed a presentation of new candidates for ordained and diaconal ministries. Dr. Bert Affleck, Jr., Director of the Intern Program at the Perkins School of Theology at the Southern Methodist University in Texas then spoke on "The Call to the Ministry."

A Creek born and raised within the Nation area, Mrs. Thompson is the daughter of the late Rev. Austin Bell and Bessie Bell. Her home church is Newtown in Okmulgee and she currently is a member of the Tulsa Indian United Methodist Church in Tulsa, where she and her husband and three children reside.

The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference was held this year at the Northeast District Center near Preston on June 5,6,7, and 8th and was attended by delegates, members and their families from District churches, as well as officials and representatives within the United Methodist Church at large.

Creek Principal Chief Claude Cox, a life-long member of the Newtown Indian Methodist Church, was present for the four-day Conference - "Our Conference this year was a good one - everything went on schedule and according to Bishop Hardt, was well-attended despite the bad weather conditions, rain-washed roads and parking problems. I feel that everyone worked together on this Conference to make it such a success."

Chief Cox has served on the Board of Trustees for the Center and was on the original Committee for Site Selection when the Northeast District Center was located at the present site.

The Conference opened on Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. with a General Session in which Bishop Hardt called the Conference to order and a Devotional was given by Host District Superintendent Thomas Long, who also served as Conference Coordinator.

Interspersed with the sessions held beneath the Grounds Tabernacle (Arbor), were hymnsinging, preaching and special music and programs. The Conference ended on Sunday with the appointments of the pastors for the coming year. Sunday is traditionally the biggest crowd-gathering day and this Conference was no exception. Bishop Hardt delivered the final message of the Conference on that day.

As the business of the 4,000 member Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference was conducted during the four-day event, the atmosphere of fellowship and friendship was evident among the approximately 3,500 who registered and attended the Conference - with many staying in family camphouses and tents on the Center Grounds. "During this Conference, traditionally, the delegates and people interested in the local churches bring their families, and it becomes a gathering to fellowship and and a time to come and share their experiences and their faith along side the business that is taking place," said Kenneth Deere, member of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference for 23 years. Rev. Deere is on special appointment to the General Commission on Race and Religion, headquartered in Washington, D.C. - one of seven national agencies of the United Methodist Church. He has served in this position for ten years and attends the Annual Conference each year. He

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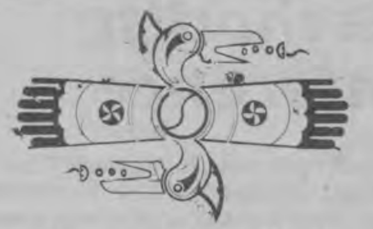
BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Renee Nicole Stewart

Renee Nicole Stewart was born March 25, 1986, to Kristin and Robert Stewart of Anaheim, Robert Stewart of Anaheim, Calif. Maternal grandparents are Kenneth and Luanna Taylor of Anaheim. Maternal great grandparents are Alice Taylor and the late Hully Taylor of Henryetta. Great grandmother is Lucinda Robbins of Tahlequah.



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LETTER. . .

DEAR FRIENDS:

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Mason Indian Community for the recent reception held in our honor at the home of Harry and Geneva Douglas. Our family felt it was a supreme honor for us to be invited into the Mason Indian Community anhd received with such cordiality.

We would like to thank the people who prepared and brought the excellent, it was delicious. Your responses of food, friendship and the beautiful Indian painting were overshelming. We will always remember and cherish this memory for the rest of our lives.

Our family would like to express appreciation to all those who attended this reception and special thanks to Harry and Geneva for hosting the reception in their home.

THE DALE SMART FAMILY

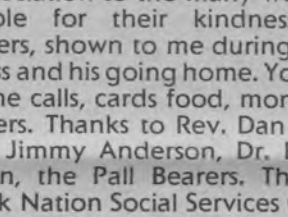
-Note of Thanks-

My family and I want to express our thanks to all our friends and relatives for their prayers, visits,cards, gifts, food and flowers during the loss of our love one Leah Davis. These offerings were greatly appreciated.

-Note of Thanks-

We would like to express our appreciation to the many wonderful people for their kindness, love, prayers, shown to me during David's illness and his going home. Your visits, phone calls, cards food, money, and flowers. Thanks to Rev. Dan Phillips, Rev. Jimmy Anderson, Dr. B. Frank Belvin, the Pall Bearers. Thanks to Creek Nation Social Services God will bless each and every giver of kindness. Thanks again to Little Quarsarty Baptist Church, my Pastor Brother Rick Edwards.

The David Hummingbird Family
Florina, Virginia, Steve, Beverly Sue and Joseph



Bruner Family Reunion Scheduled 4-5, Lamar

Dear Friends and Relatives:

You are invited to attend the Bruner Family Reunion to be held at Middle Creek No.1, Lamar, Oklahoma.

Activities begin with a weiner roast on Friday evening, July 4th and all day gathering on July 5th.

Hope to see you there.

Miriam Bruner Beaver

Gospel Singing Scheduled Okmulgee Indian Baptist

There will be Gospel Singing on June 28th, 1986 (4th Saturday Night) at the Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. There will be a food sale to benefit the church. Bring your lawn chairs as this will be outside. M.C. will be Robert Jones, Muscogee Sounds, Muskogee, Ok. Lift your voice to praise the Lord. Everybody welcome, come and lets have a good time in the Lord.

Thank you,
Robert Jones.

EMPLOYMENT

MANAGER
Employment & Training Services

Job Duties: Provide direct management to federal and tribal programs in the areas of vocational training, job placement, on-the-job training and other employment and training services.

Supervise tribal staff and reports to the director Division of Human Development. Prepares annual operating budget and drafts proposals for funding through tribal and federal agencies.

Qualifications; A minimum of B.S. or B.A. degree in related field with experience in federal grants and contracts, budget preparation and supervisory management.

Salary: Commensurate with experience and education.

Position will be filled in accordance with existing Indian Preference guidelines.

Contact: Creek Nation Personnel Services, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, 74447, 918/756-8700.

HARTSHORNE PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Hartshorne Public Schools will be accepting applications for the following positions: Four(4) Bilingual Aides - Two (2) Creek, Two (2) Choctaw One (1) Secretary-Bookkeeper, One (1) Bilingual Teacher.

Aides must be bilingual in English and Creek or in English and Choctaw.

Indian preference will be given to these positions. Applications will be accepted until June 20, 1986. Applications may be obtained by contacting: Superintendents Office, Hartshorne Public Schools, 520 South 5th, Hartshorne, Oklahoma 74547

Bacone Weekend Classes Assistance Available

Students enrolling in Bacone College's Weekend College or evening classes may now eligible for tuition assistance vouchers based on family income levels, according to Dr. John N. Hatfield, director of Continuing Education/Weekend College.

"Our new tution credit voucher system has just been started to benefit the students who might not be able to afford regular tution, and who are not eligible for regular tution assistance," Hatfield said.

Qualified students will apply the amount of the voucher towards the regular tuition credit hour price of $55, he said.

If a student's adjusted taxable income for 1985 was less than $10,000, the student could apply for a voucher worth up to $30 per credit hour. If the adjusted taxable income was less than $15,000, the credit voucher would be valued at $20 per credit hour, and if less than $20,000 worth $10 per credit hour.

"Income levels of $20,000 or more would not be eligible for this voucher," Hatfield said. Regular day students taking weekend or evening courses are also not eligible for vouchers.

For more information on the credit voucher system, contact Hatfield at 682-1054, or the office of the Registrar, Bacone College, at 683-4581.

Tallchief Re-elected Osage Tribal Chief

PAWHUSKA- George Tallchief won his re-election bid as Principal Chief of the Osage Tribe in a June 2 tribal election.

Tallchief, a 69 year old retired educator from Fairfax, had been opposed by Crayton Omega Bolton.

Ed Red Eagle, Sr. was unopposed for re-election as Assistant Chief.

Council members re-elected were Camille Pangburn, Harry Red Eagle, Francis Drexil, Ralph Adkisson, John Tallchief, and Joe Bates. New Tallchief, and Joe Bates. New Council members are Dugan Cheshewalla and David Harrison. Incumbent Hank Tankersley was unseated. W.E. "Bill" Martin did not seek re-election.

—OBITUARIES—

DAVID HUMMINGBIRD

Services were held May 19 for David Hummingbird at the Little Quarsarty Baptist Church with the Reverend Phillips officiating. Mr. Hummingbird died May 16 at the age of 58 at Saint Francis Hospital in Tulsa.

He was born June 10, 1927, at Stilwell, Oklahoma. He and his family lived north of Okemah on 14th Street for *many years. He was a retired* machinest and a member of the Little Quarsarty Church, south of Cromwell.

Survivors include his wife, Florina, of the home; four children, Virginia Aranda, Richardson, Texas; Steve Hummingbird, Okemah; Sue Tisho, Shawnee; and Joseph Hummingbird, Okemah; four grandchildren, one brother, John Hummingbird, Los Angles, Ca.; and his guardian mother, Jewell McKinney, Stilwell. Pallbearers were Mike Coon, Thomas Harjo, Kenny Bunner, Ben Harjo, Dewey Hill, and Stoney Hill. Honorary pallbearers were Keith Robertson, Preston Clark, Don Ross, Joan Potter, Ray Sherman and Phillips Klutts.

Interment was in the Little Quarsarty Baptist Church Cemetery.

MATTIE MICCO FISHER

Services for Mattie Micco Fisher, 73, Weleetka, were held May 13 at Hutchacuppa Indian Baptist Church with the Reverend Jesse Bryant officiating, assisted by the Reverend John Riley. Interment was in Hutchachuppam Cemetery.

Mrs. Fisher was born May 6, 1913, in Henryetta and died May 10 in Weleetka. She was a housewife and a member of Hutchachuppa Indian Baptist. She is survived by five sons: Dempsey Micco, Lawrence Kan.; James Micco, Weleetka; Robert Micco, San Francisco, Ca.; Johnny Micco, Tulsa; and Tommy Fisher, Weleetka. Five daughters: Alice Watson Roberts, Dustin; Ann Hickey, Shawnee; Sara Winney, Weleetka; Nell English, Okmulgee; and Rainey Micco, Weleetka; one sister, Eliza Jane Pickett of Oklahoma City; 28 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Methodist Conference Continued. . .

explained the intent of the conference - " At Annual Conference our conference staff who have developed and implemented programs for the year, give their reports to the conference staff."

Deere explained the strong connection between the carryover of Native American traditional religious ways and how these early traditions are reflected in the unique manner in which this Annual Conference is conducted: " In our dialogue with the non-Native American United Methodist constituents, they see a unique kind of way that we carry on our Annual Conference session - it is unheard of the way that we carry on our Conference. Our Asian, Hispanic, Black and white constituents are bewildered that we hold our conference out in the open and where the host conference provides everything - this again is a carryover of our traditional religious ways," he said, adding, "this is unique in the United Methodist Church at large, so that we can see that the transition of Native American traditions into Christianity is still moving - we haven't gotten so modernized that we conduct our Annual Sessions in motels, conventions centers and large university campuses, which is what many of the other 75 conferences do. No other annual Methodist Conference holds their conference like this - we are the only ones. So therefore, I say we are still embracing some of the earlier traditional ways."

From the delegate's view, the Conference was successful in the manner in which business was conducted and settled in an open, giving atmosphere. "This year our biggest concern was the budget, and all of the delegates were more open this year in asking questions and voicing opinions and concerns of the local churches they represented. I think there was really good input from the lay people and because of this openness and discussion, it was a good Conference," remarked Helen Chupco, Muscogee National Council Member and lay delegate from Cover's Chapel, Locust Grove, where her husband, Rev. Lee Chupco is on part time assignment for the last 12 months. The Ministers Wives Fellowship, of which Helen is the outgoing President, hosted a Dinner on Friday night of the Conference at the Okmulgee Indian Community Center for the wives and widows of the pastors and retired pastors. The Rev. Hazel Botone, 87-year old retired widow of a pastor, was the guest speaker from Carnegie.

The Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference is one of 76 conferences within the United Methodist Church at large and this conference extends beyond the boundaries of Oklahoma into Texas and Kansas. There are 107 Indian churches within the conference with 65 pastors in the churches it serves. This Conference is one of three missionary conferences within the United Methodist structure.

The Annual Conference is held each year on a rotating basis within three of the four Districts in Oklahoma. Next year the Conference will be held in June in Antlers, Oklahoma of the Southeast District.

IN AN HISTORIC MOMENT FOR THE ANNUAL OKLAHOMA INDIAN MISSIONARY CONFERENCE, Mrs. Becky Thompson was approved by Bishop John Wesley Hardt as the first woman to be elected Diaconal Minister in Conference history. Mrs. Thompson is shown with her family and pastor as she is being ordained by Bishop Hardt in Consecration Services held Saturday at the Conference Assembly Grounds.

'Candidate Forum' To Be Hosted By United Indian Nations

A 'Candidate Forum' featuring candidates who are running for U.S. Congressional offices and those who are running for a statewide office will be hosted by the United Indian Nations in Oklahoma, (UINO). This organization represents 25 major Oklahoma Indian tribes and approximately 30,000 voters, according to UINO President Dan Little Axe.

Candidates are invited to attend and present their campaign platform to the UINO tribes on July 17, 7:00 p.m, at the Lincoln Plaza, O.K.C.

The UINO Voter Registration and Political Education Committee has been working with the Oklahoma tribes over the past year to inform the Indian people about the importance of political participation through seeking candidate information, involvement in campaigns, voter registration and selection of candidates for Indian block voting.

Helen Chalakee, Committee Chairman, is coordinating the forum along with Curtis Zunigha who serves on UINO's Legislation and Taxation Committee. Chalakee said the organization is advocating non-partisan political activity up to a certain point. "We will seek candidates individually on how they respond to Indian issues and causes, regardless of political affiliation," she said.

"Indian tribes have been targeted recently in most every form of government; federal, state and local. Instead of viewing us as an asset to the state and the economy of the state due to our tribal economic ventures, most legislators/lawmakers have labeled Indian people a liability to the prevalent federal and state social order," she explained.

"It is very important that we select candidates we feel will be supportive of our efforts toward self efficiency," Chalakee said. "Oklahoma is the second largest Indian populated state. Thirty-nine tribes are located here. Some areas within our nations signify over a 50 per cent unemployment rate," she added. "Indian tribal governments have been working diligently to decrease this apalling figure by shouldering the responsibility for employment, job placement, and health and social services for our own people through subsidizing from our own tribal resources," she explained.

"We need to elect people to public ffices who understand what Indian tribal governments can do for this state. People who will work with tribes to improve the overall conditions of our state," Chalakee said.

For more information about the Candidate Forum contact Helen Chalakee 918/756, 8700 ex 312, Creek Nation Complex, Okmulgee.

Legal Actions Require Extension of Polling Places for Indians

Following legal actions by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and Dakota Plains Legal Services on behalf of several Indian plaintiffs, the Dupree School District of South Dakota has agreed to extend the number of school board election polling places from one to five sites. The agreement was part of a recent stipulation issued in Black Bull, et al.v. Dupree School District. A temporary restraining order obtained by the Indian parents had prevented the April 8 school board elections from taking place. The recent agreement was reached May 1 and school board elections will subsequently take place as soon as possible.

The stipulation also requires notice of the upcoming election and increased polling sites to be carried in expanded media. Heretofore notice has been made in the official newspaper of the school district, the West River Progress; the order requires the election sites and dates to be additionally publicized in the Eagle Butte News, which is most often read by the Indian constituency. (The school district has a 63% Indian population.)

These recent agreements reached by the school district and the Indian community address frustrations on the part of the latter that the district was conducting school elections in violation of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Native Americans in the area felt the previous arrangement of only one polling place violated their access to the right to vote in school board elections. (In county elections, there were five polling places versus one in school board elections.) Some of the Indian citizens had to travel 60 miles one way to vote in school board elections.

Said Jeanette Wolfley, NARF attorney in the matter: "The Indian population is continually frustrated to have any real input to their children's education through school board elections. We are convinced improvement in the education of Native American children can only come about when more Indian parents are provided the opportunity to seek election to their local school boards. The Dupree School District's previous arrangement of only one polling place certainly frustrated that goal."

OK Indians VOTE!
United Indian Nations In Oklahoma

'FREESTYLING'

By Helen Chalakee

Since Julian Watson became enthused with BMX 'Freestyling', much to the dismay of his school athletic coaches, all other sport participation has been canned.

Julian, or 'Ju' to his family and friends, is a 15 year old, 4/4 Creek sophomore at Dewar High School. He thinks freestyling just looks cool. Even six to eight hours a day practice hasn't dampened his spirit for acrobatic pedaling.

He jumps, bounces, flips, and flies through the air to the beat of the latest rock music. Julian first learned about freestyling in a magazine, but didn't get to see it actually performed until a year later.

Now, after three years of practice and one year in competition, he is the manager of a four member team, 'The McKee's Trick Team', sponsored by McKee's Bicycle Shop in Jenks. The sponsor furnishes the team members bikes, but mom, Linda Lowe, says they go through lots of tires and the bike *requires frequent maintenance* (which is only conceivable after watching Julian perform for a few minutes.)

Julian's mom and brother, Kevin, are his supporting factors. However, they seem to enjoy watching him perform as much as he enjoys performing the stunts.

Julian is a member of the 'American Freestyle Association' (AFA). He placed first recently at the Tulsa Pavillion Center in flatland competition and third at another competition in Tulsa a month earlier. In the last month, Julian has performed three shows in the Tulsa area.

Julian explained his favorite stunt is 'Cherry Picking' because it is the most difficult to perform and "everybody's doing it." Julian's father is Rex Watson of Weleetka. His grandmothers are, Nannie Lowe McNac of Dewar and Fannie Watson of Bryant. Fannie Watson of Bryant. Photography is by brother Kevin Waston who attends Bacone College.

Plan To Attend The Exciting
12th Annual Creek Nation
RODEO
JUNE 20-21, 1986

Creek Festival/Rodeo Scheduled June 20-21

The Creek Nation of Oklahoma announces the Tenth Annual Creek Nation Olympics. Your tribe or community is cordially invited to attend this Festivity to be held in conjunction with the Annual Creek Nation Festival. The Creek Nation Olympics will be held June 20, 1986. Further information regarding starting time and schedule will be mailed to you at a later time.

Eligibility: Members of any Indian tribe between the ages of 8-15 years, who are 1/4 or more degree Indian blood. All participants are required to show proof of Indian blood.

REGISTRATION: To enter events, simply complete the registration form with medical consent form signed by parent or guardian and return it to: Creek Festival Olympic Coordinator, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447, no later than June 6, 1986.

GENERAL RULES: A contestant may enter no more than two (2) individual events and one (1) relay. Divisions will be according to age and sex with exception of mixed relays. The 400 Mixed Relays, (2 males, 2 females). Females 1st and 3rd legs. All participants must show certified proof of age when registering the Olympics. This proof may be a Birth Certificate, school etc.

CONSENT FORM: The consent form is on the bottom of the registration. It will be the responsibility of the individual participant to have their parent or guardian sign the statement giving consent for emergency medical treatment in case of an accident evolves during the contest. IF CONSENT FORMS ARE NOT SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN, INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICPATE IN THE CREEK NATION OLYMPICS.

FACILITIES: The Creek Nation Olympics will be held at Harmon Field in Okmulgee. (See enclosed map for directions to the field.) Harmon Field has excellent facilities for track events.

We now have an all-weather track, excellent lighting use, if needed and a stadium capacity of approximately 3,500.

MEN & WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The 12th Annual Creek Nation Festival Men and Womens Softball Tournament, will be held June 20,21 and 22 at the Creek Nation Omni-Plex located one mile north of Okmulgee.

The festival tournament consist of mens fastpitch and womens slo-pitch categories and has become one of the more popular tournaments in the Southwest. While the mens tournament is limited to all Indian teams with team members being one quarter degree Indian, the womens tournment is open to everyone, both tournaments are double elimination.

This year the men's tournament will consist of 48 teams while the women's will have 24 teams in its bracket. Entry fee will be $90.

An added attraction to this years mens tournament will be the clash between the East and West in an all Indian old timers game scheduled during the evening of Saturday, June 21. Many of the former Indian ball players will be on hand. The west squad from Anadarko may have the jump on the East squad as sources have indicated that the west squad is and has been practicing. Each team will consist of players who have reached the age of 45 or more. Joe Wetselline of Anadarko is in charge of the west team, while Dink Bemo former player on the Wetselline team, will be in charge of the east squad. Bemo would like to hear from players that may be interested in participating to contact him at the following address and phone number; Dink Bemo, P.O. Box 1673, Sapulpa, Oklahoma 74066, 918-227-2930.

After the game is completed, the Andy Berryhill Memorial Award will be presented to a former player from Eastern Oklahoma. The Andy Berryhill Memorial Award is presented annually to a former Indian player that has made contributions to Indian fastpitch. The Award is named after Andy Berryhill who was considered one of top players to ever perform on the field. Berryhill passed away in 1984.

Entries for the tournament can be sent to: Creek Nation Festival Softball Tournament, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma,74447 or call 918-756-8700, Cashier Checks and/or Money Orders only! or cash. Deadline, June 13,1986. The umpires clinic will be May 17, 1986.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Creek Nation Indian Golf Tournament is scheduled for June 21 and 22 at Fountainhead Golf course at Eufaula. Five men's flights and one women's flight will be held with cash prizes and awards for all flights. A free meal to all registered golfers will be given to by the Weleetka Indian Community. Other incentive prizes will be given also.

A forty dollar entry fee will be charged with qualifying tee-off times scheduled for 8 a.m.- 12 noon,

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

The Creek Nation Tennis Tournament will be held on June 21 and 22, 1986, at the tennis courts located at 1300 N. Okmulgee, in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

The entry fees for any Singles Event will be $6.00, Doubles and Mixed Doubles will be $12.00 per team.

The entry fee deadline will be June 18, and the draw will be made Thursday, June 19. Consequently, NO entries will be accepted after this date.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The Yardeka Indian Community is the sponsor of the 1986 Creek Nation Festival Volleyball Tournament to be held June 21-22. We would like to invite everyone to come and be a part of the excitement.Contact the Community Development office at the Complex, 756-8700, ext. 395, for more information. We hope to have all brackets and team game times ready by June 16. There will be a Food Booth also.

$40 entry fee. Make checks payable to the Yardeka Indian Community. First Place receives individual and team trophies, Second Place receives individual and team trophies, Third Place receives trophies and there will be one Sportsmanship Trophy given.

CN 12th Annual Indian Rodeo

Among one of the main events taking place during the Creek Nation Festival is the 12th Annual Creek Nation Rodeo.

Indian cowboys from all over the nation will be competing June 20 and 21.

One of the drawing factors for this years rodeo is the added money, which has been increased to $7600.

Bob Davis, Secretary for the Creek Nation Rodeo and nine years secretary for our Oklahoma Region Eight explains the credibility of the Creek Nation Annual Indian Rodeo and why each year participation is increasing. "We want to continue to maintain a high degree of integrity and respect working to see that the cowboy gets treated fairly and keeping the score honest." he went on to say, "The rodeo always has a large participation from other regions and the fact that we are now nationwide always keeps the cowboys looking forward to the Creek Nation Rodeo."

There will be an event for everybody from Junior Steer riding and barrel racing, calf scramble for the younger children, to Senior Calf Roping for the 50 years and older.

The Specialty Act this year will be John Burris and his comedy act.

We will have concession stands this year selling a variety of foods from Indian to non-Indian.

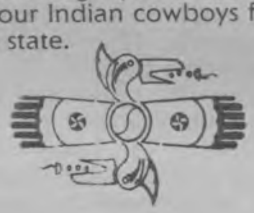
Each night there will be a raffle drawing for 1/2 beef, the tickets sell for $1 apiece.

The gate admission will be: Adults - $5 and the Senior citizens admitted free.If you would like to purchase advance tickets they will be on sale for $4 until June 19th, and for more information or to purchase a ticket call Creek Nation, 756-8700 ask for Peggy Lyda or Evelyn Parker.

There will also be a parade *downtown Okmulgee, at 4 pm.*

The McAlester Prison band will be playing nightly.

We encourage you to come and support our Indian cowboys from all over the state.



THE MASON INDIAN PARENT COMMITTEE hosted an outdoor reception for former Mason School Superintendent Dale Smart (center) at the home of Geneva and Harry Douglas. Approximately 75 area residents attended and presented Smart with an original painting as an expression of their gratitude to his 14 years at Mason. Shown are Mrs. Smart (right) and Sam Homan (left), Director of the Oklahoma Indian Education Department.

CREEK NATION SECOND CHIEF PERRY BEAVER WAS PRESENTED A PLAQUE OF APPRECIATION on behalf of Chief Cox and the Creek Nation for the tribal government's support of former Creek title holders of the Miss Indian Oklahoma honor. The Plaque was presented by Miss Audrey Barnett, left, the outgoing Miss Indian Oklahoma; Susan Harjo, and Leslie Barichello.

Creek Gives Up 'Miss Indian Oklahoma' Title

By Kathryn Bell

Audrey Barnett, Creek, ended a successful year-long reign as Miss Indian Oklahoma with a standing ovation from the enthusiastic audience at pageant ceremonies to crown the 1986 Miss Indian Oklahoma, Teresa Shoemaker, Miss Cherokee.

The Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant was held May 17, at the Lincoln Plaza in Oklahoma City.

Taking the traditional Last Walk, Audrey emotionally expressed her gratitude to the people who have helped to make her reign a successful one - "It has been a good year and now I am ready to move on to other things in my career. I want to thank my Creek tribe for their support-spiritually, financially and emotionally...but most of all I want to thank all of you for honoring me wherever I went for your support. Thank you," she said.

Audrey was presented with a plaque by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women, the sponsors of the Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant, in appreciation for Audrey's representation of the title of Miss Indian Oklahoma.

Perry Beaver, Second Chief of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma, accepted a Plaque of Appreciation on behalf of Principal Chief Claude Cox and the Creek Tribe, for the Tribe's support of the former Creek titleholders of Miss Indian Oklahoma; Audrey Barnett, Leslie Barichello and Susan Arkeketa Harjo.

Teresa was one of eight contestants vying for the title of Miss Indian Oklahoma. The contestants were; Sharvon Williams, Ponca, Charisse Satepahoodle, Osage, Jaulice Watson, Creek, Shauna Postoak, Prairie Band Potawatamie, Lisa Little Axe, Absentee Shawnee, Tracy Clark, Kiowa and Jacquelyn Watson, Chickasaw.

Finalists in the Pageant were; First Runner-Up - Tracy Clark, and Second Runner-Up - Lisa Little Axe. Tracy is Kiowa and her talents were; Traditional - Kiowa Scout Dance and "Amazing Grace" in sign language; Modern Talent - "Woman of the Eighties" skit. Lisa, Absentee Shawnee, performed for her Traditional Talent - Traditional shellshaking stomp dance and the Alligator Dance. Her Modern Talent was a Modern Jazz Dance.

Shauna Postoak, Miss Indian Tulsa, received the Scholastic Achievement Award.

The new Miss Indian Oklahoma performed as her winning talent; a skit entitled "Acculturation" for her modern talent and as her traditional talent, Teresa performed a traditional piece on an Indian flute that she designed and made. The Cherokee beauty received the Best Traditional Talent and the Best Modern Talent honors in the Presentation of Awards prior to the naming of the new titleholder.

Michael Horse, Indian actor, served as Master of Ceremonies and the stage production was done by JR Matthews. Special guests included; the Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma, Rebecca Hamilton, Martha Moore, Miss Indian USA, Nuchie Nashoba, model and actress, Gene Wheatley, Channel 9 in Oklahoma City, and tribal princesses from the various tribes, including the 1986 Creek Nation Princess, Melinda Taryole.

The Welcome was given by Mary F. McCormick, President of the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women.

Judges included; Princess Pale Moon, President of the American Indian Heritage Foundation and the Miss Indian USA Pageant; Jim Thompson, Onieda, Frank Oberly, Osage, Melinda Waters Miles and Charlie Clark, Producer and Host of "Inside Native America."

Pageant Director was Shirley Wapskineh. Her committee included; Jo Grove, Florence Tims, Dollie Lane, Nancy Hutchinson, Tommy Harris, Françine Worthington. Monitors were Serina Frazier and Florian Milligan. Helpers were Tiajuana Radar, Donald Patterson, Molly Toledo, Leslie Barichello, Millie Ketcheshawno. The Reception and Concession was handled by Bennie Gossman. Chaperones were Millie Ketcheshawno and Florence Tims.

Entertainment was provided by Michael Horse and Nuchie Nashoba with the Title IV students at Moore School and Princess Pale Moon. An American Indian Theater presentation was performed by Casey Camp and Jan Younger. Martha Moore also entertained during Pageant Ceremonies.

Helen Chupco, member of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council serves as Treasurer of the OFIW. Other Creeks in OFIW include; Millie Ketcheshawno, Historian, Dr. Ruth Arrington, Chaplain, and Ethel Torres, Public Relations.

Creek Students Graduate From Bacone College

Nine Creek students were among the 73 graduates of the class of 1986 at Bacone College in Muskogee on May 17. The Honorable Mike Synar presented the commencement address. Students receiving degrees include Shirley Barnoski, Muskogee Dennise Coker, Seminole; Millie Jean Colbert, Eufaula; Lillian Harjo, Castle; Nida Kay Harjo, Reno, Nev.; Manuell Marshall, Weleetka; Stephen Pidgeon, Okemah; Michael Sands, Castle; and Betty Donelson, Fort Gibson.

Letter From Audrey Barnett

My Creek People,

As I reflect on this past year as Miss Indian Oklahoma 1985-86 my heart is filled with wonder and joy at all the many beautiful things I was blessed to see and do. April 6, 1985, began a memorable journey with one of the most challenging responsibilities I've ever faced-to represent the many tribes in the great state of Oklahoma.

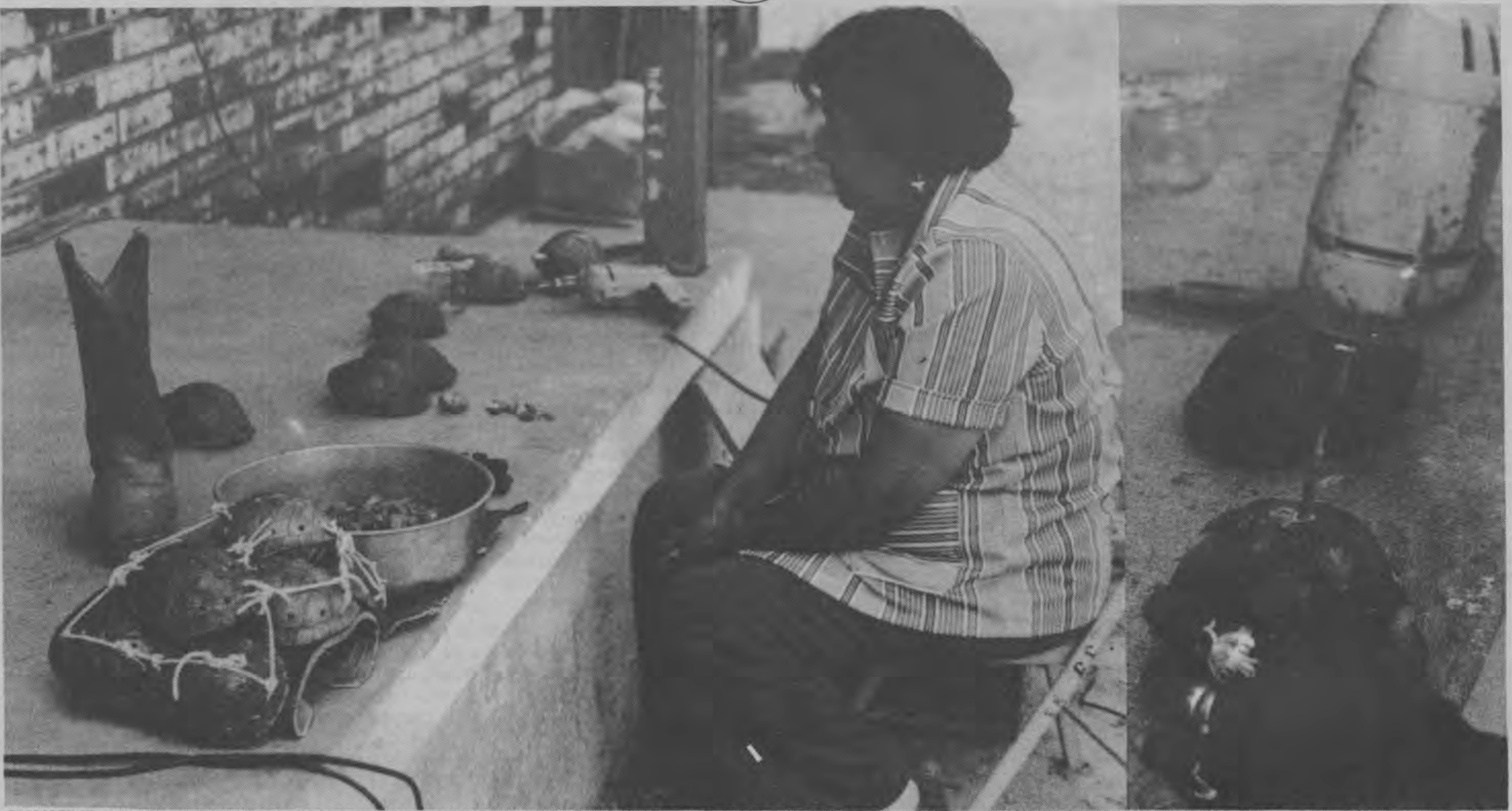
The many tribes and people I was priviledged to meet received me well-I will forever keep those memories in my heart. What will always be the greatest thought is the fact that my own Creek people stood with me. Everything wasn't always easy. "MVTO" for all your support. Thank you for being there while I was visiting among the other tribes-it was something to be able to come back to my own people and know that they appreciate and understand all the hard work and dedication even though what I do sometimes takes me away from the Creek people. There were always good words and prayers to give me the courage and strength to continue along the path that the Creator has for me.

With the unique problems our Indian people face, one of the major diseases is diabetes. The diabetes rates are 2 to 4 times higher than for our non-Indian brothers. On April 4-6 1986, the University of Oklahoma's American Indian Institute and I sponsored a Diabetes Health Fair and Basketball Tournament in Tahlequah. Special thanks to Billy Rogers, Elizabeth "Bitsy" French, Tom Kaulay and all the volunteers who joined together to make that a successful event. There are plans for even more workshops and health fairs to promote awareness and the importance of the "diet and exercise" concept in fighting this disease.

This challenge is directed to all Indian people. Achieve an education without forgetting about the beauty of our culture or songs. Grow closer to the Creator, learn from our elders, teach those beautiful things to our children and, instead of trying to keep someone from accomplishing something good, be there to encourage and help however you can. Find a cure for diabetes or whatever contribution you can make to help our world function as it should. It is through these things that our Indian people will remain strong.

On May 17th, Miss Indian Oklahoma 1986-87 Teresa Shoemaker, was crowned. It is my prayer that she stand tall and represent our Indian people with all the strength and dignity that is much deserved and that her year be more than she ever dreamed. This past year was an honor I'll remember forever. My wish is thay you, the Muscogee (Creek) people were proud.

MVTO
Audrey Dalene Barnett
Miss Indian Oklahoma 1985-86



CHRISTINE HENNEHA OF THE CASTLE COMMUNITY ASSEMBLES HER MATERIALS TO MAKE TRADITIONAL CREEK TURTLE SHELLS FOR use in the Creek Ceremonial dances. The process is time-consuming and requires skill in fashioning the turtle shells so that they produces just the right sound when attached to the legs of the women in the Ceremonial dances. In photo on extreme right, Christine prepares to drill holes in the cleaned shell to attach them to the leather leggings. In bottom inset photo, Christine ties the last leather strip on the finished legging.

Traditionalism is Captured in Christine's Shell Shakers

By Kathryn Bell

The following interview was conducted with Christine Henneha at her home in the Castle Community of Creek Nation. Christine makes and sells shell shakers. She explains the process, from start to finish, of this traditional art, of which she is a renowned craftswoman.

Q. Christine, how did you become interested in the art of making shell shakers and how long have you been involved in this art?

A. I have been involved in making shell shakers for ten years - the reason I got started in it is because they were too high for me to buy me a set myself and I didn't much like the ones made from milk cans. So, I looked at a set of ones made from turtles and got the way it was made in my mind, then I was able to do it myself. My first ones didn't turn out just right, so I just made them until I got three or four sets I was pleased with.

Q. Do you know any of the background about Creek shell shakers?

A. I just know that nobody knew how to make the ones made out of turtle shells and that's why they started making them out of milk cans about 15 years ago. But with the high price of groceries, the milk went up and it was too much to make them out of the milk cans - and besides that, the main part of making shell shakers is getting the sound just right and turtles sound better and make a better music.

Q. What kind of turtle do you use and where do you find them?

A. Well, the first thing you do is to get the right kind of turtle which is the ones that are round and smooth - these 'locv', pronounced logi in the Muscogee language (meaning turtle) have little black flowery designs on them. We don't use the kind that have stripes on their backs because we call them snake turtles because some Indians think they turn into snakes. And we don't use those kind of turtles that look like pancakes either, or the kind that swims in the water. I find these turtles on the highways. When I'm going to make a set of turtles, I'll need eight on one side and eight on the other side, left and right leg. I get out about 7:30 and 9:30 in the morning on the highway and put them in a tin or plastic bucket. Sometimes I find only a few and sometimes none, but I just keep going out until I find enough. And another thing - I use mostly female turtles. You can tell the females because they have, what I call, a little flairedy skirt and the male doesn't have one - it's straight around the edge of his shell. On my locvs I got all female shells on mine, because they compete against each other just like the human females do. You can mix the males and females, but on mine I have all females because they try to outdo one another and they make a better and more musical sound. But the male - he don't care. He's just out there for the ride. . .

Q. Is there any special time of the year you make them?

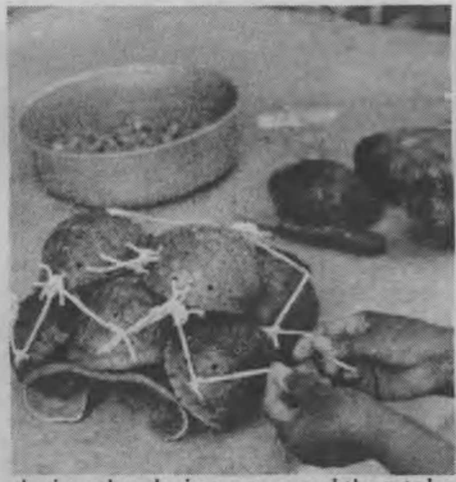
A. The turtles start coming out in April and May, so I make them from April to June and all I get made is about four sets, depending upon how many turtles I can find. But it takes two or three weeks to make a set. Usually, I just get them and keep them until I have enough to kill and clean to make the turtle shells.

Q. What is the first step in preparing the turtles for the shell shakers?

A. I wait until the evening when the turtles open up and I put a knife inside around the neck and cut the elastic tissue. They are attached to the shell at the backbone in a small spot so I cut that loose and then pull out the turtle from the shell. Then I wash the turtles with soapy water and rinse it off and I put them up high where the sun can dry them out. A long time ago, they say that they put them on red ant hills so that the ants could clean them out. But now I let the little black ants or the teeny-weeny ants crawl all over my shells and clean out all the meat. These black ants don't sting like red ants. All they're doing is looking for something to eat...anyway, these ants and small insects are better to help clean out the shells because they leave the membrane that keeps the top and bottom shell connected. It takes two or three days for the sun to dry out the shells - and even after a year, we call the turtle shells "still green" because you can still smell the greeness of the turtle - the longer you use them, the better they are.

Q. After the shells are cleaned out, then how do you attach them to make the shakers?

A. We then drill holes in them on certain areas - on the designs of the turtle shell. In our Indian way, everything is four, so we drill on each of the four design squares, except the square on top on the turtle shell where the string must come through to tie it down. After the holes are drilled we put the small pebbles inside the shell. I use what I call "cowboy shirt" pebbles because they look like the buttons on a cowboy shirt. I have a certain amount that I measure in my hand and I put them in carefully until the sound is right. I then put a fine wire at the mouth part of the shell. The tail part I don't do anything to because it naturally closes during the drying process. I then take tops of old cowboy boots for the leather (because it's too expensive to buy a piece of leather) and put the turtles on the leather and cut holes where I will fasten the shells on. I use white leather strips from Tandy's that I dampen so that they will be tight when they dry. After they are all fastened down, I use shoe laces to lace the sides up.



Since I will wear these turtles all night, I use a towel or baby blanket around my ankles so they won't slide down or give me blisters. I see which side of the turtles are the most musical and I put these on the leg toward the fire which is on your left, because the dance goes one way all the time. Some ladies wear long dresses that hides the shells, but I think this hides the sound of the locvs, so I wear skirts just below the knee.

NOTE: Christine's shell shakers are on sale at Mr. Indian Store in Sapulpa, Lyon's Indian Store in Tulsa, and the Five Tribe's Museum in Muskogee. To place an order, you can contact her at the following number, 918/623-1764.

WANDA STANDRIDGE AND PEARL THOMAS, AVT COUNSELOR look over an album of Ms. Standridge's photography, which was recently displayed in a one-woman exhibit at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe. She was sponsored by the CN AVT Program.

Creek Nation AVT Program Sponsors Wanda Standridge, IAIA Graduate

Wanda A. Standridge is a Yuchi Creek from Bixby who has just graduated from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico. She was sponsored by the Creek Nation AVT Program. Wanda received a double major in received a double major in Dimensional and Museum Training.

Expressing her sentiments to the tribe, Wanda said, "Thank you for supporting my educational efforts, financially and with words of encouragement. I appreciate Pearl Thomas, Jan Bigpond, Barbara Dunn and others that have been there for me these past two years. Again, Thank you."

Wanda has been accepted to Northern Arizona University for the fall semester. This summer she will intern with the Museum of Northern Arizona, working with the noted "Navajo and Hopi Exhibition". Last summer she worked on the summer she worked on the "California Hall" exhibit at the Southwest Museum in Los Angles. This was the first time a Native American participated there as an intern.

In 1984, Wanda was chosen to be an intern under the Roger A. Lyon Endowment Program at the Heard Museum in Phoenix. She worked on the permanent exhibit "Native Peoples of the Southwest" which was a successful program for the Institute of Indian Arts and the Heard Museum.

Wanda has received honors and awards from: Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, the National Dean's Honor List, the 1986 College Board Talent Roster, the Ishii Scholarship Award, and was a candidate nomination for the Helen Hardin Scholarship Award and the T.C. Cannon Scholarships.

During the 85-86 school year, Wanda was the vice-president of the Student Senate. Last April, the Institute held a one person show of Wanda's photography as an Wanda's photography as an accomplished art form."We're very proud to share this experience with the public and it was an exhibit which did pride to both Ms. Standridge and to the young people she photographed," said IAIA Museum Director Charles Dailey. Shadows, Souls and Time, was the title for this special exhibit.

The Association of American Indian Affairs in New York has published a photograph from Wanda's collection for this first annual 1986 calendar. Wanda's photography skill was also compiled into the first recorded portraits of students book of photography entitled, "Wanda A. Standridge and Friends". The book of photography consists of former students and those presently enrolled. "I like people because each individual is special in their own way. At the IAIA school the students are so multi-talented and very unique. I appreciate all the personalitites I have come in contact with through these past two years in Santa Fe," says Wanda.

"Education is important, without it we defeat ourselves. I am proud to be a Yuchi Creek Indian and for my future, my plans are to become a director of a museum, maybe the Smithsonian Institute someday.

Wanda is the daughter of Jimmie Green and the late Sukey Green of Bixby.

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June 20-21
OKMULGEE OKLAHOMA

EVANGELIST ERNEST BEST

Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen

-Galations 1:3-5

We praise the Lord for each of you and your faithfulness to the work in North America and Canada. As we travel our land and preach the good news to our people, we truly look upon the untouched fields that are in need of harvest. Yet, Satan is doing everything within his power to stop the message of the Lord Jesus. The message of salvation by grace through faith in the Son of God. We feel the battle as it intensifies all around us, yet our hope is in Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation.

We finished April and began May in western Oklahoma with the Kiowa people. We praise the Lord for those who came weeping and broken over sin, committing their lives to Jesus Christ. Then in Caddo Indian Baptist Church, we witnessed the moving of God's spirit and true revival. One dear lady trusted Jesus as Savior. She had been coming to church for years and even brought many others to church. Thank the Lord, she is now a Christian. We were then in a Mission's Conference with First Texas Indian Baptist. It was a blessed time of sweet fellowship. We praise God for that church and their pastor, McDonald. We had a great time in the Lord.

We ask that you please pray for us as we travel from reservation to reservation. 1. Pray for the power of God to be made known through our lives. 2. Pray that we might be a blessing to those to whom we minister. 3. Pray for souls to be saved each week. 4. Pray for our health and safety. Thank you so much for your prayers and your financial support.

Your Missionaries to the North American Indians,
BROTHER ERNEST & BENNIE BEST

ROYALTY AT THE RECENT SAPULPA HIGH 13TH ANNUAL INDIAN HERITAGE DAY WAS Laura Harjo, Indian Club Princess and David Foster of SHS. The day-long event was sponsored by the Indian Education Program at Sapulpa High School.

Sapulpa School Celebrates Heritage

The 13th Annual Indian Heritage Day was held Saturday, May 31, in Collins Stadium at Sapulpa High School. The day-long event was sponsored by the Indian Education Program of the Sapulpa Public Schools.

The Indian Club Princess was Laura Harjo of Sapulpa and the Brave was David Foster, son of Danny and Betty Foster of Sapulpa. Betty is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

The events held during the day included an exhibit of arts and crafts, an Indian Football game, and Bow Shoot.

Scheduled events of the afternoon included Stomp Dance Leaders and Shell Shakers contests. At 6:00 p.m. a Gourd Dance was held and at 8:00, the War Dance was performed.

The Head Man Dancer was George Cosar, Creek, and the Head Lady Dancer was Dode Warrington, Creek-Menominee. Head Singer was Kenneth Anquoe, Kiowa.

Incarcerated Plea For Indian Alcoholics

DEAR CHIEF COX:

I am a 15/16 Creek, Jr. Crowels, no. 81502 (John Crabtree Correctional Center, Helena, Ok). I represent all the Indians who walk this yard at this prison camp. I am also secretary of our Indian club, United Tribes Indian Club Association.

As representative, I have written to other Indian complexes, to Indian papers asking for help. Not for money, only for understanding, only for space in their papers.

Now, I turn to my people. To my tribe, to my leader. Chief Cox, what I wish to do is help our Indian people to remember their relations, their friends who now live in this world of forgotten human beings. Within the walls and prison camps across Oklahoma. First, our Indian people, then other races, for we are all human beings. Children of our Creator.

How, you may wonder. First, by the poems that I am enclosing in my letter. . .to open eyes, minds and touch hearts. This, I hope will bring smiles to both people, outside and within.

One of my poems deals with the great disease that is destroying many of our people. This disease is also the main reason many of our brothers enter into the world of forgotten human beings. I and a few of my brothers wish to write articles and hopefully speak on the destruction that the great disease of alcoholism brings our people.

I believe my poem "My People, Hear Me" will get the attention of many. We must all, as Indians, help each other. For many of our lost came from not having unity.

The poems, "The Creator Cries" and "The Chiefs Prayer", are to remind us all we are Indians, regardless of the tribe. This is what I speak to my brothers who I represent and lead. With unity we can conquer. divided, we must fall.

All I have spoken is from my heart, for I lead and speak only truth. Chief Cox, as our leader of our tribe, your feelings must be the same, this I believe, and is why I now plea for your assistants, I ask only for space in our paper. And later on, articles on alcoholism with our people.

Hopefully, we may reach our young people, our future. Stop them from wasting their lives. Keep them out of the world of forgotten human beings.

Thank you for your time, and I will be waiting on a reply, yes or no. This request will now be included in my prayers to our Creator.

Respectfully,
A tribal member, Jr. Crowels

MY PEOPLE HEAR ME

I am the warrior, Shunka Witko
I have asked our Creator
May I, once again,
walk the Mother Earth
For Water, fills my eyes

My brothers before me and with me
Our people, our warriors,
our women, our children
Fight for our pride, our heritage,
our land, our future

We are the warriors of the clouds
We, the warriors of the clouds
Cry for you, feel sadness for you
A pain stronger than a knife
Stronger than any pain brought
by the white eyes
For you, our people
Are lost
Destroyed and forgotten
All we died for

For our native tongue
You no longer speak
Our heritage, you no longer know
An Indian, there is no more,
only images

A great disease
Has destroyed you
You neglect our future
Your children

Time is growing thin
When upon the Mother Earth
Will there be
No real Indian, again

I speak of the white man's drink
You destroy yourselves,
you waste your precious minds
Being hurt to us, to our Creator
Your Children
Our future
I am the warrior, Shunka Witko
Known to the white eyes as
Crazy Horse

Spoken through-
Jr. Crowels 81502

THE CREATOR CRIES

Through the winds, is my voice
Through the roaring, of my thunder
Through the rain, which is my tears
That falls upon, the Mother Earth

The giver of life cries, for the
forgotten human beings
Who have broken the laws of the land
Who accept their punishment
for their mistakes
Who cry, to no one

Why are they forgotten
Are they no longer your brother
your sister, your son
Your daughter, your father,
your mother, your relation
Your friend

My human beings, will not cry
Only weep of sadness for you
Therefore I must cry for them
In my wind, in my thunder, in my tears
My cries, can you, my Indian people
Understand me, hear me

Or is the precious Indian heart I gave you
Lost, destroyed, or stolen
The great eagle will carry messages
of love, of missing
To my forgotten human beings

If precious moments cannot be spared
Then my weeping is also for you
For evil has stolen my Indian people's
precious heart
I am sad

Thought from the Creator
Through a convict-
Jr. Crowels 81502

THE CHIEF'S PRAYER

O Great Spirit
Whose breath gives life to the world
And whose voice is heard
in the soft breeze

We need your strength and wisdom
May we walk in beauty, may our eyes
Ever behold the red and purple sunset
Make us wise so that we may understand
What we have taught us

Help us learn the lessons you have
hidden under leaf and rock
Make us always ready to come to you
With clean hands and straight eres

So when life fades as the fading sunset
Our spirits may come to you
Without shame

Thoughts from the Creator
From a half-breed through
His full Indian heart-- Guy Adkisson

Alcoholic's Family Important To Recovery Treatment Program

THE SERENITY PRAYER

God grant me the serenity
To accept the things I cannot change
Courage to change the things I can
And wisdom to know the difference.

The family's best defense against the emotional impact of alcoholism is gaining knowledge and achieving the emotional maturity and courage needed to put it into effect.

Individuals who may be capable of assisting alcoholics outside the family may become confused, destructive persons if a member of their own family becomes an active alcoholic. This is especially true if the drinking alcoholic is the husband or wife.

The 'next of kin' or person most responsible for the alcoholic may need more assistance and counseling than the alcoholic if an effective recovery program is to be launched.

Alcoholism is an illness, but one which has tremendous emotional impact upon the immediate family. Those most affected by the alcoholic are the spouse, parent, sister, brother, and child. The more distorted the emotions of these persons become the less adequate their help will be. The interaction may and often does become destructive, rather than helpful.

For example, wives may find themselves blamed for everything that is wrong in an alcoholic marriage. This may reach the point where they may fear this is true. Yet, alcoholism is an illness. The wife is no more responsible for alcoholism than she would be for the existence of diabetes of tuberculosis in her husband.

No wife ever made her husband an alcoholic, therefore, no wife can be held responsible for his recovery. However, by lack of knowledge, she may allow the illness to go unnoticed. By lack of adequate understanding and courage she may acquiesce in the development of the disease.

For the existence of alcoholism the wife is not responsible, but she can abet the husband avoiding treatment, or take steps which may lead to earlier recovery, though this cannot be absolutely assured.

The same principal holds true for all members of the family, especially the one person upon whom the alcoholic ultimately depends. This primary person in the alcoholic's life cannot "treat" the illness.

No doctor should treat his own serious illness, and a few will ever act as physician for a member of their immediate family, especially spouse, parent or child.

As alcoholism progresses, relatives become involved emotionally. The best help and treatment for their own situation so that they will not play into the progressive illness pattern of the alcoholic and thereby contribute to the progress of the illness rather than the recovery. The mistakes made by well meaning family members are almost unbelievable and often make recovery most difficult for the patient.

In the beginning, it must be understood that a family may do everything known or thought to be right and the illness might go unchecked. However, if a family is willing to learn the facts about alcoholism and put them into effect the chances of recovery are greatly increased. In fact, the best way to help any alcoholic recover is to remove ignorance, acquire an adequate attitude based on knowledge and have the courage to practice these principals when dealing with the alcoholic. To begin in the usual manner of attempting to force the alcoholic to stop drinking without first learning and changing one's own self will simply make the matter worse.

Initially, we must understand that the problems of alcoholism do not lie in the bottle, but in the person. However, recovery does not begin until the alcoholic is able to break away completely from the bottle and practice continued abstinence.

Recovery is also similar to the construction of a Gothic arch. There are unseen foundations, many persons may lay various stones in the arch but the keystone must be put in place by the alcoholic or the structure falls. No one can do for the alcoholic what must be done by the alcoholic. You cannot take the patients medication and expect the patient to benefit. Choices must be made and action taken by the alcoholic of his own volition if recovery is to occur on any permanent basis.

It is appaling how well the alcoholic controls the family, especially the wife, husband or mother. The alcoholic drinks again and again. The family screams, cries, yells, begs, pleads, prays, threatens, or practices the silent treatment.

It also covers up, protects and shields the alcoholic from the consequences of the drinking. If the alcoholic continues to act like a little god, it is because the family is inadequate in opposing this attitude and abets the preservation of the illusion of omnipotence.

In the preservation of this omnipotent neurosis the alcoholic has two primary weapons. The family must learn to defend against these two or become virtual slaves to the illness thereby creating for themselves emotional or mental illness of no small proportion.

The Alcoholic's Weapons

The first weapon is the ability to arouse anger or provoke loss of temper. If the family member or friend becomes angry and hostile this person has been completely destroyed insofar as ability to help the alcoholic is concerned.

Consciously or unconsciously the alcoholic is projecting an image of self hatred against the other person. If it is met by angry hostile attacks it is thereby verified and the alcoholic in his own mind justified the former drinking and also now has an additional excuse to drink in the future. The gods first make angry those whom they wish to destroy and the alcoholic has a long experience of acting like a little god. If your temper is lost, all chance of help is thrown away.

NEXT ISSUE. . .
More Alcoholic's Weapons
Love and Compassion
Love is Destroyed
Long-Range Sobriety

DELLA BARNETT

Law Enforcement Training Received By CN Employee

Della Barnett, employee of the Creek Nation Lighthorse Administration for two years has completed 148 hours of Police Communication/Jail Management held at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Pinal Air Park in Marana, Arizona. The course involved lectures and practical application in the proper use of the telephone, the 2-way radio, the use of the 10-code, the use of NCIC and other information centers, receiving complaints, report writing, recording and dispatching descriptions, maintenance of radio logs, first aid and self defense. She was certified as a Dispatcher/Jailer and in First Responder and CPR.

JUANITA FACTOR

Juanita Factor Graduates Will Attend State Tech

Juanita Factor, daughter of Sam Factor and Roberta Sugar both of Okmulgee, recently graduated from Okmulgee Christian Academy. Juanita is employed with the Creek Nation Higher Education Department and plans to attend Oklahoma State Tech. Juanita is 17 years old and the granddaughter of Juanita Checotah and Era Peters, both of Okmulgee.

Young Artist Receives Certificate for Poster

Tate Steinsiek, 8-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Butch Steinsiek of Okmulgee, received a Certificate of Commendation for his winning poster entry in the National School Traffic Safety Poster Program, which is sponsored by the Triple A Traffic Safety Program.

The Westside Elementary second-grader received the honor at an Awards Assembly held June 3 at Westside Elementary in Okmulgee. The Certificate was presented by a representative of the Triple A office in Tulsa.

Tate's poster was one of 61,000 entries in the nation-wide contest and one of few to be chosen.

EDDIE LOWE

Eddie Lowe Graduates With High Achievements

Eddie Lowe, son of Sharon White Cloud of Okmulgee and Jonas R. Lowe of Tulsa, graduates with the following achievements. He was selected as an All Conference Player for three years, All-Area Player and was nominated for his autobiography in the Who's Who Among American High School Students. He was chosen to represent his school Preston High School for his leadership and academic abilities for the Johnson O'Malley Conference held at Okla. University. Eddie is also an outstanding Baseball player he played in left field for his Preston team. He was selected to play in the All Star baseball game to be held at Bateman Park in Okmulgee.

Eddie is also the grandson of Verna Randall and Dave Powell of Okmulgee, Nora Roberts of Okmulgee and Andrew Lowe of Catoosa. Great-grandparents are Mable Hill and Wiley Sampson of Okmulgee and Nancy Roberts of Okmulgee.

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OK INDIANS VOTE!

Yardeka Community To Sponsor CN Tourny

Yardeka Indian Community held a Co-ed Volleyball Tournament Saturday, June 7. The teams that entered the tournament were: Arbeka Tribal Ground, Morris, Silver Bullets, J&M, Creek Nation Bingo and Yardeka Indian Community. We had a fair turn out due to other tournaments being held. First and third team and individual trophies were given, plus a sportsmanship, first and second received individual. Morris took first with CNB taking second. J & M received the sportsmanship.

We want to thank everyone that came and supported our tournament. A big thanks goes to Sam and Louise Proctor for their help and support. This tournament will be used to help our Olympic children. Don't forget to enter the Creek Nation Festival Volleyball Tournament sponsored by the Yardeka Indian Community.

MARILYN TULSA

Marilyn Tulsa Receives Citation of Excellence

The administration of the Department of Health and Human Services of Rockville Maryland recognized Ms. Marilyn J. Tulsa with the Administrators Special Citation, one of the highest honors conferred by the Agency.

Ms. Tulsa received this citation extolling the "excellence of her contribution and work". The award brings particular pride to her people as she is the only Indian receiving honors at this ceremony.

Working in the Indian Health Services, she is a source of great pride and inspiration as she chooses to channel her exceptional talents toward the betterment of the Indian people. The ceremony and presentations were held May 15 at the Rockville Civic Center.

Ms. Tulsa attended Nathan Hale School in Tulsa, graduating with honors. After high school, she entered Haskell Institute majoring in Business Administration. After her graduation, Ms. Tulsa took a position with the B.I.A. in Washington D.C., later being transfered to the H.E.W. in Rockville. Ms. Tulsa has one daughter, Kimberely of Tulsa. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. July Tulsa of Tulsa. She is the granddaughter of the late Sakie Long Bighead of Mounds, Okla. She is a member of the Pickett Chapel United Methodist Church of Sapulpa.

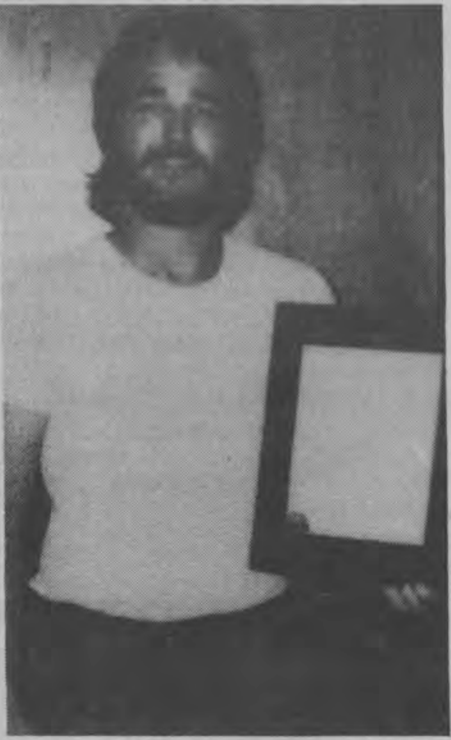
ROCK BEAR

Artist Rock Bear Completes Study

Rock Bear is a full blood Creek born in Okemah, now residing in Dallas. He recently completed a week of intensive study sponsored by the Cowboy Artist of American Museum. This is the only museum in the country devoted to the works of a single group of American artists.

Bear has also studied from Robert Pummill and the late Roman Froman. In November of last year, he had a one man show of his works at the Dallas Art Center. He has also designed drawings for a book, "The World and Way of the Creek People" which was published by a local area educator and is a compilation of interviews of full blood Creeks by Indian students at Mason School.

Rocks paints mostly western landscapes and scenes of everyday ranch life. He also does scenes of New Mexico and Arizona Indian life. Bear's style of painting is impressionistic and realistic. He hopes someday to return to live in Oklahoma and paint fulltime.



DON MCKAY WAS THE "OUTSTANDING STUDENT" in Construction Technology at Oklahoma State University Technical Branch in Okmulgee. McKay received a Letter of Commendation for his record of Scholastic Achievement in the construction field.

DAVID AND HELEN BARNETT

Barnetts Celebrate 50th Anniversary

David O and Helen Barnett formerly of Wetumka, Okla, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 18, 1986.

The couple renewed their vows before friends and family at Northside Baptist Church in Baker, La. where they now reside. Following the church services a reception was held in the churches reception hall. The hall was decorated in yellow and white streamers of ribbon with yellow and white bells.

A four tier wedding cake and punch were served.

Approximately 200 guest celebrated this special occasion with David and Helen Barnett. On Saturday May 17, 1986 the W.M.U members of Northside gave the couple a shower where they received gifts in honor of their golden anniversary.

OKEMAH INDIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

On June 2, Okemah Indian Community had their regular monthly meeting. The meeting was held at the Amy Hill home in Okemah. Each meeting will be held in a different place on volunteer basis until a regular site is located.

Bunny Hill, CN Community Planner was present. He had the by-laws/constitution the community had made a few changes on May 22. The chairman said there will be a special called meeting on June 9 at Christine Burgess home for discussion of the by-laws.

Next meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. at Amy Hill home in Okemah, 109-B Hypo St. (Southeast of Safeway in Creek Nation area) The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. All members and whoever wants to come, all are welcome to come and give support to build your community up for the Indian people of your area. Refreshments and baby sitter provided.

REV. HENRY HARJO, 86, PASTOR OF THE GREENLEAF INDIAN BAPTIST CHURCH NEAR OKEMAH, listens intently to the questions asked of him by Communications staff during an interview conducted in the Dept. with him on the history of Greenleaf. Rev. Harjo, still faithfully carrying out his duties as pastor for his church, is one of the early Creek pastors that have been interviewed during the course of the CN Communications Dept. Creek Church History project. Rev. Harjo has pastored, except for a short time pastoring another church, Greenleaf since his ordination there in 1946.

Creek Church History Project Progressing

The Creek Church History Book Project of the CN Communications Dept. is progressing steadily toward publication. During the course of the research and interviewing elder Creek pastors, much support has been displayed for the project from the pastors and early day founders of these churches.

Rev. Henry Harjo, 86, who is still pastoring at the Greenleaf Indian Baptist Church, near Okemah, recently made the trip to the Communications Dept., to express his enthusiasm and support for the project. He feels recording the histories of these churchs is vital to the strength of that church and to the preservation of one aspect of Creek history that is all too suddenly being lost as the elders who have lived and carry on the history pass away without ever sharing this vital information.

Rev. Harjo, still spry and in good health despite a hearing problem, lives alone in Okemah and still drives himself where he needs to go. The pastorage of his church is aided by his close-knit and caring church. His daughter, who was visiting him from California and was present at the interview remarked that on days when Rev. Harjo was too ill to preach, the church would simply come to his home, where he would faithfully deliver his message.

In spite of the vigil that Rev. Harjo's family and church have kept with him, last summer a youth broke into Rev. Harjo's home during the night to rob him. The frail minister was beaten with a heavy board and lost consciousness. A short time later the youth was captured by local authorities and taken to jail, where he took his own life a few hours later. Upon recovering and learning of the tragic sequence of events. Rev. Harjo, in a Christ-like attitude of concern only for others, was in anguish that he did not have the opportunity to share God with the youth.

Ordained as a pastor in 1946 at Greenleaf, the elder pastor has preached there since that time, except for a short time when he pastored at Calvary Baptist.

Church services have been conducted continuously, whether they had to be held temporarily beneath an arbor or a brethren's home while a new building was constructed, for 106 years.

Greenleaf, according to Rev. Harjo, was erected in 1880 on the property of Katie Williams, a Charter Member of the church who passed away at the age of 106, having been active in that church all her life.

The message of faith and perserverance has always gone forth from the early church fathers and lay people like Rev. Harjo and Katie Williams and will continue to be the strength of the church as long as the vision is alive - "We all have one purpose - to work together to bring God's message to the people and to get them to serve the Lord Jesus Christ and live a dedicated life before him..." said Rev. Harjo, whose consecration and dedication we salute.

***BRIAN WELKER, LEFT, AND LEE CLOSSON** got to hold baby chicks hatched in the classroom at the Creek Nation Headstart Program. The eggs and incubators were provided by Oklahoma State University Extension Center and all of the chicks have been given homes.*

N.C.A.I. Launches Program for Veterans

Washington D.C.-National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Executive Director Suzan Shown Harjo has announced that the NCAI Fund has launched a new program to widen business and job opportunities for Indian veterans.

"We are honored to have the chance to provide service in Indian Country," said Harjo. "The Indian veteran's unemployment rate is significantly higher than the national average, especially in Indian territory where the jobless rate is shockingly high - between 50% and 60% generally, with many reservations suffering from 75% to 90% unemployment."

The program, Indian and Native Veterans Outreach Program (INVOP), is an intensive one-year project made possible by a $200,000 grant from the Department of Labor.

The Small Business Administration also will work closely with the NCAI Fund to conduct a series of business development training seminars in four states with large Indian populations and high rates of Indian unemployment: Arizona, New Mexico, Oklahoma and South Dakota. The Arizona seminar will be held in Phoenix during the week of September in conjunction with the 43rd Annual NCAI Convention.

"Self-employment in or near Indian Country is a viable option, and in some places the sole option, for many Indian veterans," said Harjo. "This was a key point made by many NCAI members before the Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies, which concluded in its recent report that development of individual Indian entrepreneurship and small businessess would boost the economy of Indian Country as a whole."

The INVOP will work with Indian governments and veterans to compile information on the demographics and needs of Indian veterans, and will disseminate research data to the tribes and veterans groups for their future use.

Many Indian veterans are not aware of existing assistance programs for their benefit. The INVOP will work with existing programs to enhance their outreach and service efforts, particularily in the business development and employment areas on Indian employment areas. Coordination with existing programs will include an emphasis on Indian employment and training projects funded under the $62 million Job Partnership Training Act (JTPA) program. Special JTPA programs for veterans also will be emphasized.

"We intend to provide participating veterans with the best data, training and technical assistance available, with personalized follow-up help, so that the jobs they choose and the business they start will have the greatest chance for success," said Harjo.

Through a toll-free 800 Hotline number to NCAI's Washington office, Indian vegterans will receive help in gaining access to existing assistance programs, as well as specialized help when existing programs do not meet their individual needs. The Hotline will start on July 1. Through these referral services, seminars and specialized individual assistance, NCAI hopes that 1,000 Indian veterans will secure employment and that a minimum of 40 new Indian veteran-owned businesses will be started.

The INVOP will be guided by a prestifious group of Indian veterans, governmental officials and persons from the private sector. The core Advisory Board now includes Representative John McCain (R-AZ), Chairman of the House of Interior Committee's Republican Task Force on Indian Affairs, who was highly decorated as a Navy pilot and Vietnam prisoner of war.

Other Vietnam veterans on the INVOP Advisory Board are: Joel Frank, Sr. (Seminole), who is Executive Administrator of the Seminole Tribe of Florida and President of United South and Eastern Tribes; Sam Lamebull (Cheyenne/Pawnee), who is the owner of Lambull's Lodge, a five year old proprietorship in downtown Anchorage, Alaska; Alan Parker, Esq. (Chippewa-Cree), who is the president of the American Indian National Bank in Washington, D.C., and former Staff Director of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs; John W. Steele (Oglala Sioux), who is Liason Officer and past Vice-Chairman of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, and NCAI Aberdeen Area Vice President; and Burnett Whiteplum (Araphoe) who is Chairman of the Northern Araphoe Tribal Council of the Wind River Reservation and NCAI Vice President for the Billings area.

NCAI President and Winnebago Tribal Chairman Reuben A. Snake, Jr., serves on the board as an ex officio member, along with other Indian veterans including Allen V. Pinkham, Sr. (Nez Perce), who is Vice Chairman of the Nez Perce Tribe, President of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Chairman of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and NCAI Portland Area Vice President. Also included on the Advisory Board is Robert Robertson, Vice President of Occidental International Corporation, who served as Co-Chairman of the Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies and as Executive Director of the National Council on Indian opportunity.

Others on the INVOP Staff include Henry A. Ware (Kiowa), NCAI Legal Research Assistant, who also works with the NCAI Fund's Intergenerational Health Promotion and Education Program; Robert Holden (Choctaw & Chickasaw) NCAI Natural Resources and Tribal Economies Researcher, who also works with the NCAI Fund's Nuclear Waste Information and Assistance Program; and Dean B. Suagee, Esq. (Cherokee), NCAI Staff Attorney, who also manages the NCAI Fund's Solar Bank Program.

The National Congress of American Indians, established iln 1944, is the oldest and largest national Indian organization, serving an active membership of 139 Indian and Native governments, as well as thousands of Indian and Native individual members and non-Indian associate (non-voting)members.

The NCAI Fund was established by the NCAI leadership in 1967 to conduct educational and outreach programs to benefit Indian and Native governments and individuals, as well as the general public.

"The Indian veterans program is just the kind of initiative our leadership envisioned in establishing the NCAI Fund," said Harjo, "for it provides a valuable service, betters the situation of Indian nations and people and helps to educate the public at large."

"Many Americans are unaware of the extraordinarily high numbers of Indian veterans who have served them," said Harjo. "We welcome this opportunity to work with the federal agencies, the private sector and all veterans associations to increase their awareness of the needs of Indian veterans and to enhance the economic situation of Indian veterans."

For additional information on INVOP, contact Henry A. Ware, Robert Holden or Dean B. Suagee at NCAI, 804 D Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002 (202) 546-9404.

Institute of American Indian Art Offers Unique Curriculum

The Institute of American Indian Arts is located in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The City of Santa Fe, is a land where climate and three cultures (Native American, Hispanic and Anglo) enhance each other. This region of colorful contrasts offers equal and excellent opportunities to hikers and historians, skiers and art lovers, fishermen and opera buffs; and, Santa Fe, is considered the nation's art capital.

Founded in 1962, the Institute of American Indian Arts is a federally funded fine arts junior college for Native Americans who are one-fourth degree of Indian blood belonging to a federally recognized Indian Tribe,Eskimo/Aleut, or other Alaskan Natives. The Institute curriculum offers an Associate of Fine Arts Degree and a certificate program in 2-Dimensional Fine Arts, 3-Dimensional Fine Arts, Museum and Training and Creative Writing. The Institute was recognized in a 1979 UNESCO publication as one of the worlds seven most unique cultural arts institutions. In addition, the Institute was the only American College recognized in the United Nations Educational Social and Cultural Organization publication.

For detailed information and application materials on the Institute of American Indian Arts, one may contact-Registrar, Institute of American Indian Arts, c/o College of Santa Fe Campus, St.Michael's Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501 or telephone (505) 988-6493.

TIMOTHY A. JACKSON

Jackson Completes Fitness Course

Corporal Timothy A. Jackson has completed the course prescribed by the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School given at Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms, California.

He also received a certificate of Physical Achievement for superior physical achievement scoring 288 points on the fitness test. Such performance is the highest tradition of the United States Marine Corps.

Timothy is a 1983 graduate of Holdenville High School and the son of Mrs. Shirley Benham Bruner and the grandson of Edith Harjo, both of Holdenville.

Bacone College Receives Grant

Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., has received a $50,000 grant from The Sarkeys Foundation in Norman, Okla., for an American Indian scholarship program, according to Dr. Kenneth L. Collins, Bacone director of Development.

The special grant will establish the Sarkeys Leadership Scholarship Program for American Indians, and funds will be administered over a three-year period of time.

The focus of the program will be to seek out able young American Indian students from high school throughout Oklahoma. Ten students will receive scholarships each year beginning with the 1986 fall semester, and the peak academic year will be 1987 when 20 students will be involved with the program.

"Bacone believes that among the young American Indians in Oklahoma there are future professionals who can become leaders in our state," Collins said. "This program will allow us to identify them and to educate them for constructive and fulfilling careers."

Students chosen for the program will participate in weekly leadership training classes, and a special college counselor will be assigned to them. They will also have special academic tuturing when needed.

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IHS Policy Will Restrict Service to 1/4 Blood

By Helen Chalakee

A recent decision made by the Indian Health Service office in Rockville, Maryland, restricts service care eligibility to Indians one quarter or more blood quantum. This new policy change has drawn opposing response from tribal leaders across the United States.

James Floyd, director of Creek Nation Community Services which oversees all Creek health care commented the regulation change would siphon funds out of Oklahoma causing a drastic funding reduction for Creek health care facilities.

"On the surface, the change sounds like more and better health care would be available to Indians of higher degree blood quantum," Floyd said. "What will actually happen is that by limiting services to those of one quarter or more will decrease funding because funding is based on patient load regardless of blood quantum. The decreased funding will make it impossible to hire professional staff personnel, purchase supplies and equipment, keep up maintenance of our facilities, and in general, keep our services operational at our hospital and clinics," Floyd emphasied.

"We operate a 5 million dollar health care delivery service program at Creek Nation. If the quarter blood policy is enforced by I.H.S., Creek Nation will lose 1 1/2 million in funds at the start up," Floyd calculated. He further explained, "It is also an attack on our tribal government's sovereign status to provide health care to all our tribal citizens. Its like they are telling us who can and who cannot be members of our tribe and receive services from our tribal government." Floyd added, "If I.H.S. closes the door on less than a quarter this year, what will keep them from raising the eligibility to 1/2 degree next year." The Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C., is not taking the policy change lightly. They have intervened,asking for an indefinate moratorium, or hold, placed on the impetuous policy change to give tribes an opportunity to provide information on how the change would affect their ability to serve the needs of their tribal citizenry. I.H.S. did not allow for congressional oversight when they initiated the policy change.

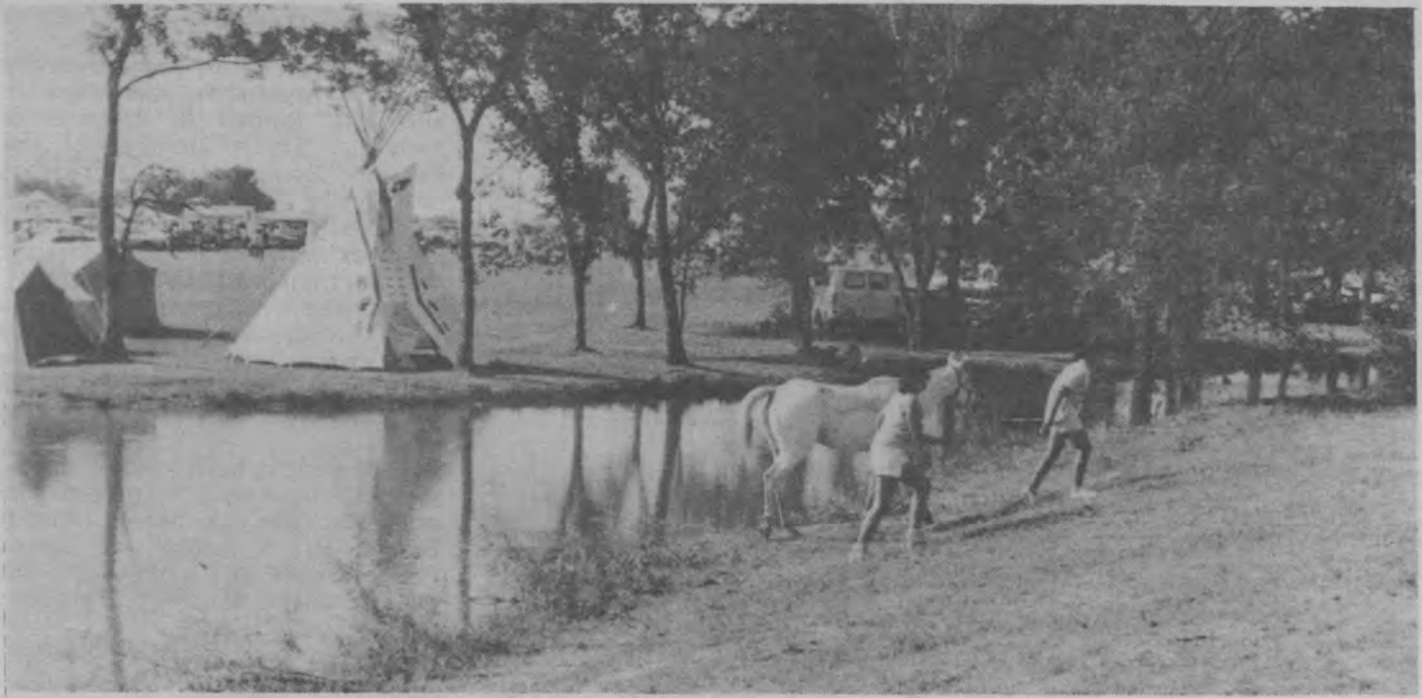
Hearings are to be set in various service areas for the tribal input. There is possibility of a hearing scheduled in the Creek Nation area. Floyd is preparing testimony with statistical data outlining the irreparable harm this change could inflict upon the Creek people.

"Not only would the Creek Nation be affected; some of the smaller tribe's health care programs would be virtually wiped out. Creek Nation's patient load for under 1/4 is a little over twenty five per cent. Some of the smaller tribes base the existence of their entire health programs on serving under 1/4. I feel it is our responsibility as a larger and more progressive tribe to oppose the policy change for everyone's benefit," Floyd concluded.

For more information about the policy change and scheduled hearing dates contact: James Floyd, Community Services, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447 or phone 918-756-8700 extension 226.

Chief Claude Cox
CREEK NATION
2nd Chief Perry Beaver

CREEK PRINCIPAL CHIEF CLAUDE COX AND SECOND CHIEF PERRY BEAVER *participated in the downtown Okmulgee parade during the Creek Nation Festival in a cooperative effort with the Okmulgee Pecan Festival.*



CAMPERS SURROUNDED THIS SHADED AREA OF THE CN OMNIPLEX *during the Festival which drew an estimate of over 10,000 vistors and participants to the Rodeo and softball and volleyball tournaments.*

Principal Chief Cox Thinks '86 Festival Shows United Effort

Chief Cox says he believes the success of the 1986 Creek Nation Festival and Rodeo is due to the united effort by the Creek Nation, the city of Okmulgee and the Creek communities. "Everyone showed enthusiasm and was willing to do their part, "he commented."The three-day event drew thousands of people to this area and their were no disasters," he said. "Our CN Security worked round the clock for the safety and protection of our guests," he said."I think next year will probably be even bigger and better and we are already looking forward to the '87 Creek Holiday,"Chief Cox stated.

-NOTICE-

NEEDED: Information on American Indians who have attended or held a staff or faculty position at Oklahoma A&M/OSU at anytime during the years of 1891 to present day. Will be used in a volume in the Centennial Series. Please send information to Dr Pauline Kopecky, 406 Whitehurst, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma 74078. Phone 504/624-5371.

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CHR Health Fair

The Creek Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR's) will be presenting a Health Fair on July 25, 1986 at the Creek Nation Complex in Okmulgee.

Health Fair hours will be between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Services scheduled include screenings for blood pressure, audiology (hearing), vision, dental, blood sugar, immunization check-ups and nutrition.

The CHR's encourage those needing updated immunizations to bring in their immunization records.

For more information on the Health Fair contact the CHR office at the Creek Nation Complex. Phone number 918-756-8700

CHR Conference Set

A statewide CHR Conference is scheduled at Arrowhead Lodge on Lake Eufaula, September 17, 18, and 19th. The Registration is $35. For further information call 1-756-8700, ext. 228 or 230. The invitation is open to all former CHR's of Creek Nation to attend.

All-Night Singings...

The 18th Annual Nathan Buck Memorial all night singing will be held, at Many Springs Indian Baptist Church, July 18 and 19, 1986 beginning at 7:00 p.m. nightly. The church is located 5 miles south of Holdenville on Hwy. 48.

The groups appearing Friday night were:The Antone Family, the Crystal River Band, The Atwood Singers, The Gospel Representatives, and The Devine Touch.

Among the groups appearing Saturday night are: The Singing Greene Family, The Halyards, The Calvary Echoes, The Radiance, and the Antone Family.

Bring your own lawn chairs. Admission is free and concession stands will be available. Everyone is welcome.

Haikey Reunion Set

A Ten Year Haikey Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Broken Arrow Community Center, Meeting Room, Broken Arrow, OK, located on South Main. The covered dish affair will be held in the air conditioned meeting room furnished with tables and chairs. Everyone is asked to bring their own serving utensils and drinks. It is hoped that relatives will be reached through this media. An invitation is extended to all friends and associates of the Haikey's throughout the years. For more information, contact Vance D. Beaver, PO Box 923, Kinder, LA. 70648. Telephone 1-318-738-5587.

BLOODMOBILE TO BE HELD

There will be a Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Complex on July 23 from 12 - 4:15. Those interested in the Bloodmobile, Contact Evelyn Parker at 756-8700, ext. 228.

Indian Running Club Schedules Two Runs

The Oklahoma Indian Running Club announced that there will be two races in July; the Tulsa Pow-Wow Run at Mohawk Park on July 19 and the Indian Hills Pow-Wow Run in Oklahoma City on July 26. Both races will feature the standard five year age categories - 15 and Under, 60 and over, male and female. There will be a choice of t-shirt to the first 200 runners and a sun visor to the first 200 runners. Awards are First, Second, and Third in each age category in all races, with overall female and male awards in all races with a beaded medallion for female and a beaded belt buckle for men.

All events are TAC sanctioned and all courses are certified. There will be drawings after the race with Pepsi products to all runners.

The Tulsa Pow-Wow Run will consist of an 8 km race at 7 a.m. and a 3 km race at 8:15 a.m. Pre-registration and packet pick up with $7 with t-shirt and or visor and $4 without the t-shirt and visor. Mail entry to 915 S. Cincinnati, Tulsa, OK 74119. Deadline for pre-registration July 10. Call 1-918-582-7225.

The Indian Hills Pow-Wow Run will begin at 8 a.m. with the one mile Tonekei Run for 8 km. at 9500 North Sooner Rd., OKC. Mail entry to; Oklahoma Indian Running Club, Box 4, Oklahoma City, OK 73101. Deadline for pre-registration is July 17. Call 1-405-632-5227. Marsha Foreman is the OKC race Director and can be reached at 1-405-632-5227.

Glen Lafarlette is the Tulsa Race Coordinator and Technical Advisor. Pamela Iron is the Tulsa Race Director. She can be reached at 1-918-744-6503.

"I would like to invite everyone, including beginning runners and walkers to come out and enjoy the thrill of road racing," said Ms. Iron, who also encouraged anyone who wanted to volunteer to work the races to get in contact with her at the Indian Health Care Resource Center in Tulsa, at 915 S. Cincinnati. "Volunteers make a good race and we could use the help of anyone who would like to volunteer," she said.

Letter to Creeks...

Hello, I am Kenny J. Marshall aka Kenny J. Watashe. My parents are Mr. and Mrs. Roman R. Watashe of Kellyville. I'm a member of the Kellyville Stomp Ground, a graduate of Kellyville High School, class of 79. This is to let all of my friends and relatives know that I'm doing fine and that I'm thinking about them.

I'm in the Army, presently stationed at Ft. Carson, Colorado. But at the time of this letter, I'm in Honduras, Central America. I'm in the 984th Military Police Co. here for a short tour.

I'd like to say hello to some special people who I have misplaced their addresses: Mrs. G. Brown, Miss B. Brown, Mr. T. Brown, Mr. Dennis Folson (Foot), Mr. Tommy Lee, and the rest of the Watashe Family, and the Bucktrot family.

I hope to see these special people soon.

PFC Kenny J. Marshall
984th MP Co. Honduras, C.A.

Fellowships Offered To Indian Educators

The University of Oklahoma, College of Education has recieved a grant from the Indian Education Program (Title IV, Part B) to develop and implement an Indian educational leadership project commencing in the fall of next year (86).

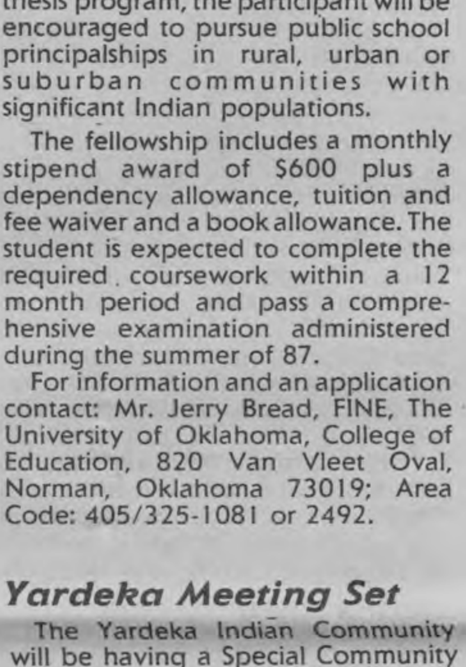
The proposed project will be referred to as Foundations in Native Education (FINE) and involves the selection of eight American Indian educators for a 12 month master's degree and provisional certificate program in either elementary or secondary school administration. Upon the completion of the non-thesis program, the participant will be encouraged to pursue public school principalships in rural, urban or suburban communities with significant Indian populations.

The fellowship includes a monthly stipend award of $600 plus a dependency allowance, tuition and fee waiver and a book allowance. The student is expected to complete the required coursework within a 12 month period and pass a comprehensive examination administered during the summer of 87.

For information and an application contact: Mr. Jerry Bread, FINE, The University of Oklahoma, College of Education, 820 Van Vleet Oval, Norman, Oklahoma 73019; Area Code: 405/325-1081 or 2492.

Yardeka Meeting Set

The Yardeka Indian Community will be having a Special Community meeting July 26 at 1 p.m. at the Holiday Inn in Henryetta. Everyone is invited to attend from the Community and others as well.



BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Tiffany Nicole Dunn was born May 29, 1986 to Mary and Jodie Dunn of Dewar. Maternal Dunn of Dewar. Maternal grandparents are Betty and Herman Acker of Braggs and Irma Johnson of Henryetta. Billy Ray Dunn of Grand Prarie, Texas. Maternal greatgrandparents are the late Leah Davis of Dewar. Betty Pope of Okmulgee. Chester and Mattie Drum of Gore.

Lillian Deer Morris Second Annual Reunion Set August 24, Okemah

The grandchildren of George Deer, Sr. (dec. 1943) and Lillian Jones Deer (dec. 1984) are having a family reunion August 24, 1986, at Arbeka Church, Okemah, Oklahoma.

The day will begin with church services after which a potluck dinner will be served. We urge people to bring any family pictures to share with others and of course, to bring cameras to take new pictures.

George "Bunny" Deer, Jr., achieved fame by winning the 1938 and 1939 state middleweight Golden Gloves championship while attending Oklahoma A&M. He moved to Los Angles California and worked in the motion picture industry until his death in 1959. He had four children: Mary Helen Deer Smith of Oklahoma City, Alvin Deer of Oklahoma City, his twin brother, Melvin Deer of Tempe, Arizona and Melinda Deer Bohnert of Oklahoma City.

Evelyn Deer became a school teacher and married Andrew Lester. They moved to southern California with their family until 1984. Evelyn now resides in Castle Rock, Colorada. She has four children: Lillian Lester Kahler of Frankstown, Colo.; Andrea Lester Deer of Omaha, Neb.; A. David Lester of Englewood, Colo.; and Judy Lester Knifechief of Pawnee, OK.

The Deer grandchildren and the Lester grandchildren have a total of 19 children. Having grown up away from Creek Nation country, they have a strong desire to become acquainted with their Creek relatives and to establish a family tree. Growing up, names like the Dunsons, Cooks, Robinsons, Sands, Tigers, Sullivans, Franks, and Poseys were mentioned by their grandmother. At last year's reunion, John and Nancy Frank and Cornelius Frank of Okemah and Raymond Deer of Wewoka attended. Bill Davis of Wewoka, Mary Robinson of Okemah and Marie Harjo were unable to attend because of illness. The grandchildren look forward to a fine weekend and to meeting many relatives. Bring you families and bring any pictures and help us make this second family reunion a beginning of many future meetings for not only this generation of grandchildren, but for our grandchildren as well.

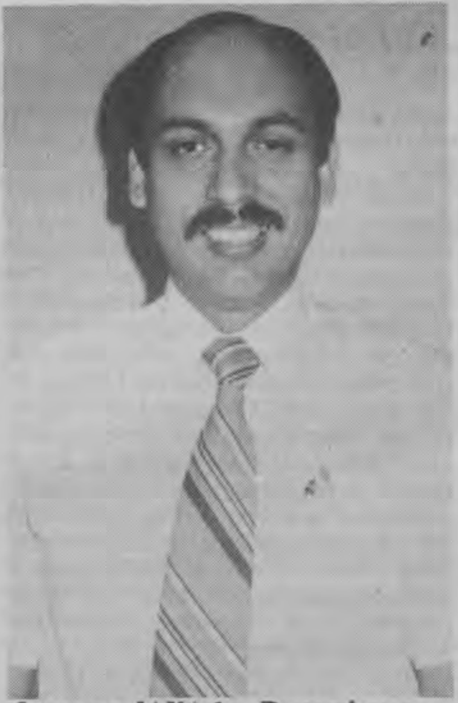
For more information contact: Mary Helen Deer Smith, P.O. Box 32432, Oklahoma City, Ok. 73123, Phone (H) 405/947-8136, (W) 405/232-1526.

Cynthia Day Reunion Scheduled August 2

The family reunion is scheduled for August 2, 1986 at the, Henryetta Nicholas Park.

Dear Friends and Relative, you are invited to our Annual family reunion. Lets all try to meet there by 10:00 p.m. It will be pot luck so make plans to be there. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Mary Hobia



James Wilde Receives B.S. Degree at T.U.

James O. Wilde, Jr., of Glenpool, OK participated in Commencement Ceremonies at the University of Tulsa, held May 10 and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Management.

Wilde has previously attained an Associate degree from the George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in Medical Laboratory Technique in 1981. Since his honorable discharge from the US Navy as a Hospital corpsman and First Class Petty Officer in 1980, Wilde has been the Laboratory Manager for Doctors Family Clinic in Tulsa. He has also remained a nationally registered Medical Technologist since 1976. His goal is to become a physician.

Wilde is the son of Kathryn N. Jones Bible, Creek, and James Wilde, Pawnee. He is the grandson of David Bible and Leona Bemo Tiger both of Creek descent. His wife is Nancy Pauline and they have a nine year old daughter, Jamie Janice.

Indian Health Conference Set Sept. 16-18, O.K.C.

The third of a three-part series of health promotions conferences, "Indian Health Promotion: A Challenge for Change," sponsored by the University of Oklahoma's American Indian Institute is scheduled for Sept. 16 through 18 at the Holiday Inn West in Oklahoma City

Anyone interested in submitting an abstract for consideration as a conference presentation should do so before June 25, said Billy Rogers, health specialist and coordinator of the conference.

"The three-day conference will focus on effecting behavorial change for the individual, community, and organization as well as demonstrate how Indian people can implement behavior changes for good health, "Rogers said.

People who want more information or to send a presentation abstract can contact Rogers at Health Programs, OU, 555 Constitution Ave., Norman, Ok 73037; telephone 405/325-1711

Choctaws Officially Open Arrowhead

CHOCTAW CHIEF HOLLIS ROBERTS CUTS THE RIBBON AT THE GRAND OPENING for the Choctaw Nation's recently purchased Arrowhead Lodge on Lake Eufaula. The Grand Opening was coordinated with the Choctaws hosting the quarterly meeting of the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes. Chief Roberts said the place was no longer a lodge and would be referred to as a resort hotel and told of the many plans he has for a convention center and entertainment facilities.

Creek Nation Attends Special Hearing For Indian Elderly at Oklahoma City

By Kathryn Bell

Steve Wilson, CN Community Research and Development Administration Manager, was among those giving testimony at the June 28th Senate Special Committee on Aging Field Hearing held in Oklahoma City at the State Capital.

The Field Hearing, according to Wilson, who is administers the Elderly Nutrition Program at Creek Nation as well as serving as the Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging (OICA), is to hear testimony on the problems facing Indian elderly in this state. "As Chairman of OICA, we have gone nation-wide trying to bring forth to the aging network, an awareness of the many problems facing Indian elderly," he said.

Wilson said that the OICA met with Senator Hines of Pennsylvania, who is the Chairman of the Senate Special Unit on Aging in D.C. in April in which Hines made a committment from the Committee to have the hearings. "Senator Nickles was the first to ask and conduct these hearings and we feel that the testimony given gave the Committee an insight into the problems that Indian elderly advocate programs are facing due to funding and the insensitive policies that are being put down to us by the Administration on Aging," Wilson interjected.

Three major items, according to Wilson, are hoped to come forth as a result of the hearings, that Senator Nickles will work toward. They are; 1.) funding levels of Title VI of the Older Americans Act, 2.) representatives in the Administration on Aging (Indian desk) that would advocate on behalf of Indian elderly in the Administration, 3.) due to USDA regulations, many Indian elderly are denied services of the Food Commodity Program Administration by the tribes because of the 10,000 population restriction imposed on the the tribes (Wilson said this includes six cities within the Creek Nation area). "Senator Nickles said that he would like to see these regulations changed in favor of the elderly and that he would work toward that goal," said Wilson. In a concluding statement, Wilson emphasized, "We will continue to fight for these issues that will benefit our Indian elderly - and we felt that the only alternative that was left was to go to our legislative people and our prayer of hope for change bettering our elderly lies with Senator Nickles..."

Other testimony at the Field hearing was given by Curtis Cook, Executive Director of the National Indian Council on Aging; Betty White, Yakima Nation, who serves as Chairman of the National Title VI Association; Pat Woods and Jeannie Lunsford of the Chicksaw Nation; Oneida Samis, Choctaw Nation; Rudy Cleghorn, Otoe-Missouri, and Dr. Barbara Yee, developmental psychologist from Oklahoma.

Creek Nation Holds Health Career Camp

DR. DALE DESHANE, FROM THE SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY AT NORTHEASTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY, gave a motivational presentation on the field of optometry to the youth attending the Health Career Camp held June 24-26 at the Creek Nation Dormitory in Eufaula, the host for the Camp. Deshane was one of many Indian health care professionals who spoke to the youth.

By Kathryn Bell

Youth from various Oklahoma tribes gathered at the Creek Nation Dormitory for a 3-day Health Career Camp sponsored by the Creek Nation. The Dormitory served as host for the Camp.

Forty-nine youth, ages 12-16 from grades 7,8 and 9 representing 10 state tribes, participated in workshops and presentations on June 24-26 given by Indian health care professionals on their respective fields.

Van McIntosh, CN Dorm Administrator, termed the Camp a success - "The youth got to explore the medical field in all areas. The Camp could open up opportunities for them in future career choices." McIntosh stressed the opportunities available for Indians in the health field. "We are seeing more Indian doctors, nurses, and health care technicians and there is still a terrific need for Indians in this field."

On the opening day of the Camp, the youth heard Barbara Dillon of the Dale Carnegie Institute, who gave a motivational presentation on self-image in a day-long, intensive workshop aimed at reinforcing a positive self-concept that is so vital in career success. On Wednesday, the youth heard 30-minute presentations from the following health professionals; Dr. Stanley McIntosh, Dentist from the Eufaula Clinic, Janet Wacoche, Dental Assistant, Michelle McGuire, Dental Assistant, Diane Reynolds, Registered Nurse, Dave Hazelwood, Pharmacist, Dale Deshane, Optometrist, and Lorene Roberts, Registered Medical Records Administrator.

Coordinators of the Camp, Jean Froman and Danny Williams, both counselors at the Dormitory, were pleased with the outcome of the Camp, particularly since it was the first time for the Dormitory to host the such an event - "This Career Camp is excellent exposure to the medical profession and it will provide a chance for the youth to learn what it's all about," said Froman.

Froman coordinated the speaker and camp schedule, assisted by Williams and other Dormitory staff.

The selection process for the students to attend the Camp involved each of the Oklahoma tribes selecting five students to attend. There was no academic or income criteria. "Although there were no scholastic guidelines involved in each tribe's selection of students to attend this camp, there were a lot of gifted and talents students participating," said Froman.

The five sponsors and chaperones attending with the youth were Gena Warren, Kaw; Carla Culver, Wyandotte; Christy Taylor, Osage; Linda Johnson, Kickapoo and Veda McPeak, Cherokee.

A joint funding project of IHS and Creek Nation made the Camp possible, according to James Floyd, CN Director of the Division of Community Services. "The funds to conduct the Camp came from IHS and the facilities to conduct the Camp were provided by Creek Nation," said Floyd who also thanked Dr. H.C. Townsley and Robert Harry,D.D.S. for their involvement.

Plans are underway to make the Camp an annual event at the Dormitory - "We would like to conduct the camp on an annual basis, because of the success of this year's camp in motivating youth into the health career field." McIntosh said their hopes are for a bigger and better camp next year.

—KNOW YOUR RIGHTS—

BY THE CREEK NATION OFFICE OF JUSTICE

The Other Rights Protection Office and The Office of Justice at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation writes to inform the Creek people that they do not have to sell their restricted property in order to be eligible for S.S.I., nursing home aid, or medical assistance under medicade.

It has come to our attention that welfare workers for the State of Oklahoma may be telling Indians that they must remove restrictions from their property and sell it before they are eligible for benefits based on need. Again, these types of benefits are S.S.I., and Medicade. Medicade includes medical assistance and nursing home aid.

Do not let the State of Oklahoma strong-arm you into believing that you must sell your restricted property to be eligible for these benefits.

20 CFR 416.1234, concerning the exclusion of restricted Indian lands from S.S.I. eligibility determinations is set out below.

Exclusion of Indian Lands. In determining the resources of an individual (and spouse, if any) who is of Indian descent from a federally recognized Indian tribe, there shall be excluded such restricted, allotted lands as such individual (and spouse, if any) may possess if such individual (and spouse, if any) cannot sell,transfer or otherwise dispose of such land without permission of other individuals, his tribe or an agency of the Federal Government.

The State's own law, Oklahoma DHS 1242.111 D. Revised 1-1-86, concerning medical assistance for adults under federal Title XIX (Medicaid) says: Land held by a Member of an Indian Tribe. Land which is held by an enrolled member of an Indian tribe is excluded from resources if it cannot be sold or transferred without the permission of other individuals, the tribe, or a Federal agency. If permission is needed, the land is excluded as a resource.

If you have had restriction removed from an original allotment and sold it to be eligible for the benefits mentioned herein, or if you have been advised that you will have to sell your restricted Creek property, please contact me. Sherrin Watkins,Other Rights Protection, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Okla 74447, (918) 756-8700, Ext. 212.

The Other Rights Protection Office and the Office of Justice at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation also wishes to inform Creek people of a change in the law in Oklahoma concerning the sale of restricted property to pay debts. Please be aware that if you own restricted property and make a will containing a clause directing the payment of your debts and expenses, the clause can be construed as a waiver of the restrictions on your property. The restricted property can then be sold to pay debts and expenses. Estate of Jones, 56 O.B.J. 2044 (Okla. App. 1985).

This clause is standard language in all wills. I have never seen one without this language.

Do not have this clause in your will if you own restricted property. The full implications of this clause in an Indians will are not yet known. **Do not** sign a will until this clause is removed.

If possible, have your attorney substitute the following clause: I direct that none of my restricted property is to ever to be sold to pay any of my debts or expenses whatever, and I state and declare that I do not waive any restrictions against alienation whatsoever in this my last will and testament.

Sherrin Watkins Attorney at Law

Steve Burden Files For Public Office

Steve Burden, Creek, of Weleetka, has announced his candidacy for Okfuskee County Commissioner, district three.

Burden attended the Weleetka Public School system for 12 years and holds a college degree in Building Construction and Design. He served 4 years as a federal construction inspector with the Department of Public Health. Burden was director of Creek Nations CDBG housing rehabilitation program. He has worked as an Okfuskee County Highway Department employee for five years; One year as road foreman, one year as inventory clerk. He is married and has three children, Stacy, Steve and Katy.

Burden states he is the best man for the job because he has experience in obtaining federal and state funds, administrative experience and actual road maintenance experience.

Creek Writes Script For New Indian Film

"Immigrant Influences" a film based on contemporary Native American education, religion, and philosophy was written by Marty Conrad, a Choctaw-Creek from Del City and Tulsa. He is a history teacher and coach in Wyoming. The movie is scheduled to be released in the summer. Various Native American songwriters including Conrad, will collaborate in writing the musical score for the movie.

Marty Conrad is the son of Beatrice (Barnett) Deere of Tulsa, Oklahoma and the grandson of the late Marty Beaver.

Although the casting will be done by a California company, Mr. Conrad hopes to have some input on various parts because some parts were written for special individuals.

Conrad will be traveling to Anaheim, Calif., to settle financial negotiations in the summer.

Conrad is a graduate of Catoosa High School, has a A.A. degree in History from Haskell Jr. College, a B.A. in History from Baker University and a M.A. in Secondary Education from Arizona State.

Inquiries may be sent to Conrad at PO Box 1514 in Riverton, WY 82501.

LILLIE HARJO, NANCY HARJO AND MELISSA DEERE LISTEN INTENTLY to services at the Retired Ministers and Senior Citizen's Annual Camp Meeting held at Big Cussetah Indian Methodist Church, June 27-29. This annual event was started in 1968 by a group of retired ministers, all of whom are now deceased.

Northeast District Senior Methodist Annual Campmeeting Held June 27-29

By Rita Williams

The Northeast District Senior Methodist Annual Campmeeting was held, June 27,28,29 1986 at the Big Cussetah Methodist Church.

The meeting started at 5:30 p.m. Friday evening with the Welcome given by Oscar Beaver, the devotion by Ben Harjo and Sermon and Communion by Rev. James Yeager.

The next two days were spent by fellowship and church services. Those holding Sunrise Service were; Kizzie Miller and Pauline Billy, the devotions were held by Betty McKane, Beulah Davis, Harriet Marshall, Tom Berryhill, Rebecca Stroud, Melissa Deere and Rueben Chalakee. Those holding sermons Saturday and Sunday were; Rev. Tom Washington, Rev. John Lowe, Rev. Eugene Sunny, Walter McHenry and Rev. Jess Sullivan. The Love Feast was held by Lillie Harjo and the Sunday afternoon Memorial Service by Rev. Willie Gooden, the bell ringers were, Dave Yargee and Johnson Tarpalechee.

The Retired Ministers meeting started in 1968, by a group of ministers whom are all deceased, they were; Rev. Tony Hill, Rev. John Berryhill, Rev. Josiah Davis, Rev. John Deere, Rev. John Chalakee and Rev. Jimmy Chupco. The first campmeeting was held at Seminole Hitchitee. In 1978, the name of the Retired Ministers was changed to Senior Citizens Indian Methodist Campmeeting.

Sunday afternoon during the Memorial service held by Rev. Willie Gooden, the congregation honored the late, Martin Tarpalechee who was a member of Big Cussetah Methodist Church and the late Emma Scott a member of the Thlopthocco Methodist Church. Rev. Bud Sullivan and Rebecca Stroud shared their memories of Emma Scott and her faithfulness and encouragement. Emma Scott was 92 years and 16 days when she died and had been a christian all her life. She was a Sunday School teacher and Sunday School Superintendent, she also worked in the womens organizations. Rev. Bud Sullivan remembers at one point her life she took sick and was given up to die but,"she trusted God and he healed her," he went on to say, "Emma was a friend to sinful people and christian people."

Bro. Henry Tarpalechee, Ruby McIntosh, and Pauline Billy shared memories of Martin Tarpalechee with the congregation and his dedication to always serve in what capacity he could.

The congregation was then led in one of Martins favorite english hymns, "Come and go to that land ". The elders began to slowly sing in repetitous harmony the old song, and as they sang you could sense the memories of loved ones who have passed on begin to stir in their hearts and mind.

Ending the 3 day long campmeeting was the Farewell handshake, which is a moving experience. Rev. Eugene Sunny led the men out of the tabernacle in a line singing a Creek song to form a circle, at which time the women would come to join the handshaking last with Rev. Willie Gooden leading them out of the tabernacle to form the circle of unity together. This was a time of tears and rejoicing and encouragement to keep on trusting the Creator until we meet again.

The Secretary and Treasurer for the Senior Citizens meeting is Eloise Long, she reported that on, October 26, 1986, they would be meeting at Concharty Methodist church and at that time they would decide on the location of the next years Campmeeting. She also stated that those churches wanting to hold the meeting for next year submit a letter to her.

Rev. Willie Gooden commented on the meeting, " It was the best turnout that he had seen in a long time, and the young people helped in setting up the camp, which was good experience for them, and he commended the campers that worked extra hard to feed the people there. After the Farewell handshake the people said their Goodbyes with handshakes and warm embraces.

Indian Health Service Reports Reduction in Indian Death Rate

The Indian Health Service (IHS), has sent a 68-page draft report on Indian Health progress, problems and needs to tribal chairmen for their comments before finalizing the report for congress. IHS reports that copies of the draft report are not available for further distribution.

Progress is reflected in the 93 percent reduction of the Indian gastrointestinal death rate, a 96 percent reduction in deaths from tuberculosis and an 82 percent reduction in the infant death rate-all over the period from 1955 to 1982. There are many health problems identified in the report, but the principal one is alcoholism. The report says: "Alcohol misuse is believed to underlie all the leading causes of death among American Indians and Alaska Natives: the years of potential life lost is almost five time the U.S. rate. In 1970, IHS declare alcohol abuse the priority health problem among Indians.

Deaths due to alcholic cirrhosis are as high as 18 times the U.S. rate; some of these deaths occur as early as age 15 to 24. Alcohol abuse contributes to the high rates of death by violence and injuries. Alcoholism among Indian women results in children damaged at birth (fetal alcohol syndrome) and is a major factor in the deterioration of family life. Unemployment and poverty aggravate the rate of alcoholism and its attendant ills."

Regarding needs, the report states: 'At least $228 million more than the amount currently appropriated for IHS medical and dental services would be required to bring the level of IHS hospital, medical and dental services use up to parity with the U.S. population in general."

Another comment is this: "Infectious diseases such as tuberculosis and gastroeteritis have been superseded as the major health problems of Indians by injuries violence, cardiovascular diseases,alcoholism, diabetes and mental illness. These conditions illustrate the importance of living conditions and environment in the current burden of illness of the IHS service population. Changes in behavior are more likely to improve Indian health in the future than is simply intensifying medical services. Accordingly, IHS's top objective for FY 1985 and 86 has been to collaborate with Indian tribes and tribal organizations to pursue the Surgeon General's health promotion and disease prevention objectives for the nation.

Tims Named Princess Native American Center

Danette Dawn Times, daughter of Mrs. Florence Tims of Oklahoma City and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Fixico was chosen the Native American Center Princess on May 31, for 1986-87. The contest was held at the center-2900 S. Harvery in O.K.C. Danette was the candidate who would well represent the center to the best of her ability.

Danette is a 14 year old Creek-Seminole Sophomore of North West Classen High School in Oklahoma City.

—OBITUARIES—

Johnny McNac

Johnny McNac, 88 year-old resident of Bristow, died Tuesday, July 8, in an area hospital.

Born Feb. 4, 1898 in Sonorah, near Henryetta. Mr. McNac was ordained a deacon in 1929 of Baptist Hickory Ground. He had been a resident of Bristow for the past 50 years, having moved from Henryetta.

Survivors include his wife, Weetsie McNac of the home; two sons, George McNac of Okemah and Amos McNac of Bristow; and two half-sisters Fannie Buckley of Clearview, and Katie Edmondson of Elk City.

Funeral services were held at Mr. McNac's residence near Bristow at 2 p.m. Friday July 12. Rev. Roley Haynes of Weleetka officiated. Interment was held in the Johnson Family Cemetery under the direction of Schumacher Funeral Home in Bristow.

JACKSON BRUNER

Jackson Bruner, 59 died Friday, July 11, at Henryetta.

Mr. Bruner was born May 5, 1927 at Henryetta. He was a veteran of World War II and a member of Hickory Ground No. 1 Indian Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held July 15, at Hickory Ground No. 1 with Rev. Roley Haynes officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Bruner is survived by seven daugthers: Patsy Frank, Henryetta, Minnie Proctor and Ella Hill of Eufaula, Nellie Lasley of Hominy, Emma Bruner of Henryetta, Wanda Williams, Longview, Tx. and Cindy Bruner of Henryetta; two half sisters, Gertie Tredwell, Henryetta and Betty Bear of Dustin and one brother, Bunny Bruner, Henryetta and 15 grandchildren.

Stubbs Named "Indian Parent of Year"

-reprint Henryetta Daily Free-Lance

A native Henryettan, Shelly Stubbs Crow, has been named Oklahoma Indian Parent of the Year by the Oklahoma Council for Indian Oklahoma Council for Indian Education. The presentation was made by Dr. Carl Downing of the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education held at East Central State University.

Crow, who now lives in Tulsa, is Creek, but represents all Indian tribes in Oklahoma. She attended Irving and Washington schools before moving to Tulsa, and was chosen for her efforts to promote Indians in the Tulsa community.

The mother of two, Leslie, 11, and John IV, 7, Crow will go on to compete in the National Indian Parent of the Year contest to be held in Reno, Nevada, in November.

To win the award, an Indian parent must provide outstanding voluntary leadership and involvement in Indian education, must have served as an active role model, as a member of a parent committee, school board or other parental advisory board, contributed time and energy to promote better educational opportunities for all Indian children, and actively worked to strengthen Indian education programs at community, tribal, state and national levels.

Crow serves the Jenks community as chairperson for the Indian Parent Committee working with other interested Indian parents to assist Title IV funds in better educating the students.

She is a registered nurse with Indian Allied Health. During the summer she will serve as a junior health service officer and recently finished a semester at Northeastern State University, training through the Cherokee Hastings Indian Hospital.

She has been working with several state educators from Oklahoma and Kansas serving and developing a program for Indian gifted students under the direction of Stuart Tonemah.

A staunch advocate of Indian education, she said, "I feel Indian education is something we are going to have to look into because it is being cut back by the state and federal departments.

We, the members of the American Indian Research and Development Advisory Board for Exploration and Creativity, have just selected 100 gifted Indian students in Kansas and Oklahoma to attend the exploration and creativity workshop to be held this summer. For three weeks, these students will participate in fine arts, computer science and mathematics," she added.

Crow is married to John L. Crow III, financial advisor for Cities Service Oil and Gas Corporation. She is the daughter of Doretha Beaver Stubbs of Tulsa, and the late Everett Stubbs, both former Henryettans.

Mrs. Stubbs maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Beaver who reside in Henryetta. Mr. Beaver is formally of Henryetta.

Chilocco Holds OKC 1986 Reunion

By Ethel Torres

Chilocco Indian School Alumni 1986 Reunion was held at the Marriot Hotel in Oklahoma City with many lifetime friendships renewed. On Friday night a Pow Wow was held in the hotel's ballroom with a packed house. Saturday morning the Second Annual Chilocco Company "C" Infantry Association breakfast was held. President Bill Tyndall delivered the welcome introduced the Master of Ceremonies, Col. Edwin Moore. Two photographs of Company "C" 180 Infantry Reg. and 279th Infantry were presented to the 45th Division Museum in Oklahoma City. Its curator LTC Robert Wilson was special guest.

The Alumni's business meeting was held following the breakfast with President Tom Revis in charge. A new deadline for resumes for the Hall of Fame will be January instead of May, since so many are being submitted. An early morning run/walk was held.

In the afternoon, many went for a tour of the 45th Division Museum. The Saturday night annual dance with a full ballroom was supplied music by the Al Good Orchestra.

Saturday night was the annual banquet with William Chandler of Borger, Texas Master of Ceremonies. Welcome was by Honorable Mayor Andy Coats of Oklahoma City. Lewis Chandler, Hall of Fame Commission President presented eight recepients with a medallion and certificate to the 1986 Chilocco Hall of Fame: Robert Curtis- a Cherokee who started in real estate in Tulsa and now owns several shopping centers in Tulsa. He is in oil production and has his own building company. Leonard Hathcoat- Cherokee, Chilocco employee from 1944-67 teaching social science and served as class sponsor and Home Room Advisor. His teaching career expanded 46 years, receiving many educational awards and honors.

Mose Parrish- Cherokee, Teacher. Coach, Principal, Department Head, Reservation Principal, Education Specialist Tribal Affairs Officer, Consultant for various tribes and retired in January 1980 as Director of Indian Health. All positions served in many states, including Alaska. Ruth Virginia Thompson Han-Kowsky-Choctaw, started teaching in 1941. Taught 13 years in public schools and 19 years at Oklahoma University. She has received many awards and honors in the field of education.

Thomas A. Tommaney— Creek, (deceased) mainly in the field of education, he has served the Indian people for 33 years. Upon retirement in 1971 received the highest honor given by Dept. of Interior, "The Distinguished Service Award."

Jess Town- started his professional career with Indian agencies and B.I.A. as Field Representative, Area Director and Chief Administrator retiring in 1984 after 34 years of service and being awarded many honors and awards of outstanding service. He is now teaching a bilingual class on Choctaw Nation history and language in the San Juan School District near Sacramento, Calif.

Lewis Lacher- Chickasaw, military career of 25 years. He flew 75 bombing missions over Europe. Lewis was recognized as being one of the highest trained enlisted men.

Jimmy Earl Keel- Chickasaw, toured seven years with boxing champion Joe Lewis *as a professional boxer.* He has spent 36 years participating in boxing, continuing as judge, trainer and referee in the sport after retirement. He has worked in finance, the oil industry and now owns one of the top limousine companies based in Houston, Texas.

Sunday morning service was held for a roomful. The 1987 reunion will be held in Tulsa.

PHILLIP COON AND ORIN NEW WAGON WERE RECENTLY REUNITED after 45 years out of touch. The two were 1941 Haskell grads who both studied painting and decorating. After graduation, both pursued the painting trade, both eventually became steel high painters and both have retired from the painter's union. New Wagon is full blood Chippewa from Minneapolis, Minn. and Coon resides in Tulsa. "Our school trade training has made a living for both of us," Coon commented as he related how another Haskell alumni, Ben Shoemake, Cherokee, had put the two in touch.

Mildred Coleman Featured in Ballroom Dancing

Mrs. Mildred Coleman Apple of Oklahoma City-daughter of Arline Coleman of Weleetka was featured in "A showcase"- showing the magic of ballroom dancing directed by Andrew and Robina Smart of the Fred Astarie National Dance Board at the Skirvin Plaza Hotel in Oklahoma City.

Mildred and partner Forrest Vance with eight other couples were in an opening production of a formation waltz routine and combination of other numbers. Also in an East Coast and Western Swing routine featured in picture with Ron Rector. The finale was an introduction of staff and students in the showcase with the triple step. All enjoyed by a full house. This was Mildred's first debut and the production's newest student-having only started dancing Jan. 1986.

Another program will be held Sunday evening, June 22.

Reprint From National Indian Health Board Newsletter: by JoAnn Kauffman

Indian Alcoholism a 'National Plague'

In the past six months Indian people have been presented two separate reports: the OTA Report on Black and Minority Health. Both of these exhaustive studies confirm what we have known, that Indian people die younger than any other race in the country and the majority of our causes of death are alcohol related. In fact, alcohol is directly related to 5 of the top 10 leading killers of Indians. It is involved in 75% of all fatal accidents, 80% of all suicides and 90% of all homicides.

These statistics alone are a national disgrace. The fact that Indian alcoholism has not been made a national scandal is partly attributal to the fact that we ourselves, as a national and local Indian community, passively accept alcohol as a constant feature of modern Indian life.

The other half to this system of inaction has been the federal government's dereliction of its responsibility to respond to a disease that strikes a little too close to home. The Indian Health Service for example,provides less than 1% of its annual budget for the treatment or prevention of the disease which the Secretary's report finds responsible for 80% of our excess deaths.

NIAAA research shows that 54% of the Indian adult population either abuses or is dependent upon alcohol. It is very likely this percentage holds true for the many decision makers in local tribal governments, in urban Indian agencies and even in the headquarters offices in Washington DC. Whether it is the National Indian Education Association wooing beer company sponsorship of their national conference, or the Indian Health Service adopting Health Promotion Disease Prevention objectives designed for affluent caucasian diseases without mention of our number one killer, we have been remiss in our responsibility to set and follow through on a realistic agenda for the treatment and prevention of Indian alcoholism as a systemic disease.

The behavior of Indian leadership and the federal government can best be compared to that of an adult child of alcoholic parents. We do not know what "normal" is anymore with respect to alcoholism, and we actively participate in the financing and cover-up of our own self-destruction.

I have heard federally paid apologists explain that while the statistics appear depressing, "Not all tribes are afflicted." If there is a tribe that is not affected by alcoholism, who are they and what makes them different? I have yet to hear the name of that tribe. But then it is the job of the "enabler" to point the other way deny the significance of the problem suggest it is an isolated incident and pump resources and decision making authority to its victims who are caught in an inter-generational, systemic, community reinforced death trap.

Until Indian leaders make the personal and professional decision to treat Indian alcoholism as the devastating epidemic it really is, little can be expected to change. The issue of Indian alcoholism has been most comfortably defined as an adjunct activity to our overall complex system, functioning off in a corner, run by a handful of recovering alcoholics, serving those few burned out , bottom-of-the-barrel, revolving door addicts who for reasons very likely other than their own choosing have found themselves in treatment. Hasn't that been a safe way for each of us to look at alcoholism? It's not me, it's them.

The recent federal studies on Indian health shatter that stereotype of the skid road wino as the definitive Indian alcoholic. In fact the real waste and carnage begins at age 14 and peaks before age 44. Alcohol's victims are young. Alcohol invades the quiet of our unborn. It disintegrates families and inflicts emotional, physical and sexual abuse on our young. It mutilates our teenagers and scatters their bodies across local highways and jail cells. It steals the dreams of our most gifted students leaving them bitter and angry with a system they never had the chance to challenge. And finally it cripples the confidence and effectiveness of our own leaders, and interferes with their ability to confront and deal with this national plague.

To reduce this increasing trend in alcohol mortality it will take much more than simply flying in a Hollywood role model once a year to offer motivational speeches to high schoolers. It is the other 364 days of the year that will make the real difference. How do we infuse alcohol education, prevention and treatment into every facet of Indian life:

For starters, Indian people can demand that every element of their service structure incorporate a recognition of the alcohol problem and a strategy to deal with both employees and service beneficiaries who need some level of intervention. Every entity, whether it relates to economic development, employment, as well as child welfare, education, law enforcement, health care or general assistance must assess the level to which alcohol undermines their mission, develop incentives for recovery and refuse to contribute to the self annihilation of its victims. A proposal was made to Congress this year to restrict Interior appropriations to those agencies which have in place aggressive Employee Assistance Programs for the prevention and treatment of alcoholism. Once personal recognition has occured at the level of the decision makers, meaningful community planning and implementation will follow.

Pushing increase appropriations for IHS alcoholism funds should not be the sole responsibility of alcohol treatment programs. Every individual concerned with improving Indian health and well-being must include the protection and advancement of Indian alcoholism treatment as a standing priority item for Congress and with State and local governments. The fight against Indian alcoholism cannot be delegated to recovering alcoholics alone. It is a systemic problem requiring a system-wide response.

We stand today at a crossroads. Shall we take the deplorable mortality statistics and say "Thats enough!" and make the personal decisions and system-wide changes needed to isolate and deal with the disease? Or will Indian leadership offer up another generation of Indian children to be twisted, maimed and beaten because we were afraid to say "This is the biggest problem in our community and we are going to do something about it?"

Haskell Legislation Opposed by Tribes

A legislative proposal to make the Haskell Indian Junior College at Lawrence Kansas independent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and under the control of the Board of Regents will not be pursued further, said Congressman Jim Slattery of Kansas, until there's a consensus among Indian people that it is desired. Slattery said he introduced the bill at the request of the Haskell regents.

The bill was generally opposed by Indian students at the school and tribal leaders who feared that removing the school from BIA jurisdiction could result in the loss of federal funding for the school. A Kansas state legislative proposal to open Haskell to non-Indians students from the state for vo-tech training in exchange for state funds added tothe Indian opposition to changing the 100-year-old Indian school.

Following a protest meeting in Lawrence of faculty, students and others opposed to both bills, Kansas State Senator Wint Winter sent a letter to the Haskell newspaper saying his bill is dead and he won't pursue any related legislation unless it has widespread support of "all constituencies of Haskell." He said his bill was a "good-faith effort to be of assistance to Haskell in a period of economic stress."

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INDIANS
VOTE!

WINNING AN EXPENSE-PAID DREAM VACATION TO SUNNY ACAPULCO is Barbara Dunn, MIS clerk with the Creek Nation JTPA program. Barbara is being presented with the award by Bill Rump, announcer for Henryetta radio station KDLB, who with International Tours of Okmulgee, sponsored the promotion. Barbara, her husband, George and their six-year son, Christopher, plan to take the trip in September. Second Chief Perry Beaver and other CN staff share in the exciting moment.

The Creek Nation '86 Festival Termed a Success!

Keen competition, the spirit of sportsmanship and just plain fun, marked the successful two-day Annual Creek Nation Festival held June 20-21.

The events and results of Festival activities are listed as follows;

The Tenth Annual Creek Nation Olympics, held Friday, June 20 at Harmon Stadium in Okmulgee, drew 26 teams and 445 individual participants from across the nation in the track and field events.

"I would like to thank all of the CN volunteers and the coaches from across the nation - it was all of this cooperation that made the Olympics a good meet," said Bunny Hill, a CN employee who coordinated the track and field events. He wished to thank Dan Sullivant who acted as Field Director for all the events. Hill also remarked that the talent in this year's Olympics was in comparison with state and national level competition in the various age brackets.

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1st. Place - Eufaula Track Club
2nd Place - Chickasaw Nation
3rd Place - Okmulgee Indian Com..
Sportsmanship - Henryetta Ind.

50 Meter (8-9 Girls)
1st - Kathy Forman, Henryetta
2nd - A. Fry, Weleetka
3rd - Lisa Thompson, Yardeka

50 Meter (8-9 Boys)
1st - Mark Loggins, Muskogee
2nd - Jack Van Daley, Henryetta
3rd - Paul Holybee, Eufaula

50 Meter (10-11 Girls)
1st - Olivia McIntosh, Eufaula
2nd - Ataloa Peterson, Dallas
3rd - Kim McNac - Yardeka

50 Meter (10-11 Boys)
1st - Jerry Fish, Henryetta
2nd - Joe Martel, Dallas
3rd - Zachary Henshaw, Norman

100 Meter (8-9 Girls)
1st - Summer Cooper, Norman
2nd - Katy Foreman, Henryetta
3rd - Andrea Frye, Weleetka

100 Meter (8-9 Boys)
1st - Carl Holybee, Eufaula
2nd - Jack Van Daley, Henryetta
3rd - Thomas Washington, Morris

100 Meter (10-11 Girls)
1st - Lisa Bradshaw, Chickasaw
2nd - Leah Washington, Muskogee
3rd - Ataloa Peterson, Dallas

100 Meter (10-11 Boys)
1st - Joe Martel, Dallas
2nd - Jeremy Fish, Henryetta
3rd - Travis Scott, Springfield

100 Meter (12-13 Girls)
1st - Andrea Nickols, Eufaula
2nd - Jolynn Tiger, Kellyville
3rd - April Frazier, Dallas

100 Meter (12-13 Boys)
1st - Jason Phillips, Okmulgee
2nd - Kevin Wisdom - Chickasaw
3rd - Adam West - Okfuskee

100 Meter (14-15 Girls)
1st - Wynona Bunny, Okmulgee
2nd - Cherly Wolf, Oklahoma City
3rd - Priscilla Thunder, Muskogee

100 Meter (14-15 Boys)
1st - Chris Jackson, Okmulgee
2nd - Ocie Wilson, Eufaula
3rd - Doug Crow Ghost, Dallas

200 Meter (8-9 Girls)
1st - Kelly Lowe, Wilson
2nd - Mellesa Hallum, Eufaula
3rd - Yvonne Barnett, Springfield

200 Meter (8-9 Boys)
1st - Thomas Washington, Morris
2nd - Eric Yahola, Okemah
3rd - Paige White, Kellyville

200 Meter (11-13 Girls)
1st - Melinda Hill, Eufaula
2nd - April Frazier, Dallas
3rd - Joanie Childers, Glenpool

200 Meter (11-13 Boys)
1st - Richard Scott, Okmulgee
2nd - Marcus Cooper, Norman
3rd - Anthony Byrd, Okmulgee

200 Meter (14-15 Girls)
1st - Cheryl Wolf, Oklahoma City
2nd - Wenona Bunny, Okmulgee
3rd - Veronica Vela, Dallas

200 Meter (14-15 Boys)
1st - Chris Jackson, Okmulgee
2nd - Roman Goate, Oklahoma City
3rd - Doug Crowghost, Dallas

400 Meter (10-11 Girls)
1st - Lisa Bradshear, Chickasaw
2nd - Amber Schachle, Eufaula
3rd - Tonya Billy, Dallas

400 Meter (10-11 Boys)
1st - Tim Shadlow, Hominy
2nd - Shane Spencer, Kellyville
3rd - Henry Marris III, Chickasaw

400 Meter (12-13 Girls)
1st - Rebecca LeClair, Eufaula
2nd - Yvonne Fixico, Springfield
3rd - Jackie Davis, Okmulgee

400 Meter (12-13 Boys)
1st - Richard Scott, Okmulgee
2nd - Steven Taylor, Henryetta
3rd - Pat Winnery, Kellyville

400 Meter (14-15 Girls)
1st - Mindy Stevens, Chickasaw
2nd - LaDonna Sumka, Okmulgee
3rd - Sunny Davis, Okmulgee

400 Meter (14-15 Boys)
1st - Joe McHenry, Broken Arrow
2nd - Jason Frazier, Dallas
3rd - Steve McHenry, Broken Arrow

400 Meter Pentathlon (16-18 Girls)
1st - Millie Wind, Cromwell
2nd - Samarion Johnson, Dallas
3rd - Yolanda Gibson, Dallas

400 Meter Pentathlon (16-18 Boys)
1st - Blue Hale, Morris
2nd - Calvin Gibson, Chickasaw
3rd - John Davis, Eufaula

800 Meter (14-15 Girls)
1st - Carin Clark, Chickasaw
2nd - Mindy Stevens, Chickasaw
3rd - Antoinette Samuel, Sapulpa

800 Meter (14-15 Boys)
1st - Kelly Williamson, Chickasaw
2nd - Donnie Blood, Henryetta
3rd - Shane Holuby, Eufaula

800 Meter (12-13 Girls)
1st - Alethiea Soweka, Yardeka
2nd - Emaline Cly, Chickasaw
3rd - Sunny Powell, Okmulgee

800 Meter (12-13 Boys)
1st - Noah Jack, Weleetka
2nd - Jim Stevens, Chickasaw
3rd - Chris Hill, Weleetka

1600 Meter (14-15 Girls)
1st - Carin Clark, Chickasaw
2nd - Thomasine Byrd, Okmulgee
3rd - Nancy Harjo, Yardeka

1600 Meter (14-15 Boys)
1st - Kelly Williamson, Chickasaw
2nd - Skeet Bemo, Sapulpa
3rd - Norman Bradsher, Chickasaw

1600 Meter Pentathlon (16-18 Girls)
1st - Millie Wind, Cromwell
2nd - Yolanda Gibson, Dallas
3rd - Samarian Johnson, Dallas

1600 Meter Pentathlon (16-18 Boys)
1st - Kaylon Wise, Okmulgee
2nd - Blue Boy Hale, Morris
3rd - Calvin Gibson, Chickasaw

8-9 Mixed Relay
1st - Springfield
2nd - Yardeka
3rd - Muskogee

10-11 Mixed Relay
1st - Eufaula
2nd - Norman
3rd - Springfield

12 -13 Mixed Relay
1st - Okmulgee
2nd - Eufaula
3rd - Muskogee

14-15 Mixed Relay
1st - Eufaula
2nd - Chickasaw Nation
3rd - Okmulgee

8-9 Relay Girls
1st - Eufaula
2nd - Muskogee
3rd - Wilson

10-11 400 Relay Girls
1st - Henryetta
2nd - Eufaula
3rd - Okfuskee

-Photo by Elliot Barnett

8-9 400 Relay Boys
1st - Henryetta
2nd - Eufaula
3rd - Muskogee

10-11 Relay Boys
1st - Dallas
2nd - Chickasaw
3rd - Muskogee

12-13 Relay Girls
1st - Kellyville
2nd - Eufaula

14-15 Relay Girls
1st - Springfield
2nd - Muskogee

12-13 Relay Boys
1st - Chickasaw Nation
2nd - Morris
3rd - Okmulgee

14-15 Relay Boys
1st - Dallas
2nd - Henryetta
3rd - Eufaula

Softball Throw (8-9 Girls)
1st - Prima Buckley, Henryetta
2nd - Mindy Gilroy, Wilson
3rd - Kara Lowe, Okemah

Softball (8-9 Boys)
1st - Lucas Columbus, Sapulpa
2nd - Tony Lehkley, Henryetta
3rd - Jess Harjochee, Okfuskee

Softball (10-11 Girls)
1st - Leah Washington, Muskogee
2nd - Julie Wilson, Eufaula
3rd - Jenny Bible, Henryetta

Softball (10-11 Boys)
1st - Willie Lowe, Eufaula
2nd - Cho Lindsey, Eufaula
3rd - Anthony Columbus, Sapulpa

Softball (12-13 Girls)
1st - Arethea Soweka, Yardeka
2nd - Rebecca LeClair, Eufaula
3rd - Melissa Cully, Okfuskee

Softball (12-13 Boys)
1st - Joe Dan Thomas, Eufaula
2nd - Vernon Powell, Okmulgee
3rd - Brian Proctor, Eufaula

Long Jump (8-9 Girls)
1st - Leah Washington, Eufaula
2nd - Lindsey Williams, Eufaula
3rd - Kara Lowe, Okemah

Long Jump (8-9 Boys)
1st. Eric Yahola - Okemah
2nd. Shane McIntosh - Eufaula
3rd. Erwin Bear - Yardeka

Long jump (10-11) girls
1st. Olivia McIntosh - Eufaula
2nd. Shelly Jacobs - Morris
3rd. Beth Barnett - Eufaula

Long Jump (10-11) Boys
1st. Tim Shadlous - Hominy
2nd. Travis Crow - Ghost -Dallas
3rd. Clayton Wind - Cromwell

Long Jump (12-13) Girls
1st. Melinda Hill - Eufaula
2nd. Buffy Powell - Okmulgee
3rd. Chris McIntosh - Eufaula

Long jump (12-13) Boys
1st. Max Frye - Weleetka
2nd. Keith Humble - Springfield
3rd. Tim Bruner - Liberty Mounds

Long Jump (14-15) Girls
1st. Cara Williams - Eufaula
2nd. Lisa Rodriguez - Checotah
3rd. Sarah Kilpatrick - Eufaula

Long Jump (14-15) Boys
1st. Winfred Davis - Oklahoma City
2nd. Robert Lena - Liberty Mounds
3rd. Ocie Wilson - Eufaula

Shot Put (14-15) Girls
1st. Bonnie Chisholm - Henryetta
2nd. Genell LaSarge - Henryetta
3rd. Samantha Proctor - Yardeka

Long Jump (14-15) Boys
1st. Thomas Harjo - Wilson
2nd. Joe Mosquito - Sapulpa
3rd. Steve McHenry - Broken Arrow

Pentathlon (boys)
1st. Blue Boy Hale - Morris
2nd. Kaylon Wise - Okmulgee
3rd. Calvin Gibson - Chickasaw Nation

Pentathlon (Girls)
1st. Millie Wind - Cromwell
2nd. Samaria Johnson - Dallas
3rd. Yolanda Gibson -

TENNIS TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Creek Nation Tennis Tournament was held on June 21 and 22 at the tennis courts in Okmulgee, OK. There were 64 entries with 40 teams, according to Kathy Brown, CN employee who acted as director of the tournament, assisted by Lucien Berryhill, Bunny Hill and Max Factor.

The results are as follows:

Mens Open Singles
1st. Ron Qualls
2nd. Gerald Quoetone
3rd. Phil Cross

Mens Open Doubles
1st.Gerald and Steve Quoetone
2nd. Max Factor and Don Fixico
3rd. Charles Redcorn and Charlie Boggs
1st. Consolation - Charles Redcorn and Charlie Boggs

Mens Intermediate Singles
1st. Ray Alford
2nd. Scott Johnson
1st. Consolation - Brett Hefley

Mens Intermediate Doubles
1st. Curtis Burgess and Lance Iker
2nd. Scott Johnson and Paul Harjo
1st Consolation - Huey Wolfvoice and David Palmer

Mens 35 Singles
1st. Bruce Harjo
2nd Curtis Burgess
1st. Consolation - Girard Fish

Mens 35 Doubles
1st. Leon Hawzipta
2nd.
1st. Leon Hawzipta and Girard Fish
2nd. Jim Given and Jim Godsby
1st. Consolation - Bruce Harjo and Don Nieto

Womens Open Singles
1st. Dot McLemore
2nd. Jennifer Wilson
1st. Consolation - Laurie Fox

Womens Open Doubles
1st. Dot Lemore and Laurie Fox
2nd. Ellen Hawzipta and Michelene Fixico
1st. Consolation - Pat Factor and Sue Pritchett

Womens Intermediate Singles
1st. Sue Pritchett
2nd. Kathy Brown

Womens Intermediate Doubles
1st. Louise and Jennifer Harjo
2nd. Toni Larney and Regina Bear

Mixed Doubles
1st. Dot McLemore and Charlie Boggs
2nd. Ramona and Jim Godsby
1st. Consolation - Jeri and Charles Redcorn

GOLF TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The Creek Nation Indian Golf Tournament was held June 21 and 22 at Fountainhead Golf course at Eufaula. Five mens flights and one womens flight were held with cash prizes and awards for all flights. A free meal was provided by Weleetka Indian Community for all registered golfers. According to Judy Rollands, CN employee who coordinated the Tournament, there were six team divisions and 131 players. "We had a great turnout and we would like to thank Weleetka Community for serving our dinner as well as the players for their participation and the workers for their time," Rollands said.

The results are as follows:

Medalist - Phil Johnson

Championship
1st. Phil Johnson
2nd. Vincent Knight
3rd. Lou Baker
4th. Ron Red Elk
5th. Mike Fire

A - Flight
1st. Robert Sanders
2nd. Bob Curtes, Jr.
3rd. Simon Mitchell
4th. Bill Murphy
5th. Henry Ben

B - Flight
1st. Tim Sanders
2nd. Jerry Perry
3rd. Stacy Schiew
4th. Roley McIntosh
5th. John Hunter

C - Flight
1st. Paul Bevenue
2nd. Wayne Bevenue
3rd. Buddy Pappio
4th. Turner Bear Jr.
5th. Roscoe Neal

D - Flight
1st. George Hughes Jr.
2nd. Bill White
3rd. Nakni Davis
4th. Mike Manus
5th. S.S. Burgess

Womens
1st. Bev Parton
2nd. Nora Birdshead
3rd. Francis Red Elk
4th. Margaret Knight
5th. Marion Mitchell

Closest to the pen: Toney Arkeketa
Longest Drive: Bob Beach
Oldest Golfer: George Hughes Sr.
Furtherest Traveler: Jerry Rousseau - Scottsdale Az.

Women
Longest Drive - Bev Parton

Men and Women's Softball Results from Festival '86

Men's Softball Tournament

The Twelfth Annual Creek Nation Men's All-Indian Fast-Pitch Tournament ended in controversary, according to a tournament official, as the Red Race team of Clinton, OK was crowned champions of the Tournament. The controversary stemmed from the use of an ineligible player by the Cherokee Hose and Supply in the Finals of the Tourney.

After a lengthy discussion, the Tournament committee and Director ruled that a starter listed on the Cherokee Hose and Supply line up was not listed on the team roster which each team is required to turn in before their first game. Officially, the game ended 1-0 in favor of Red Race.

This year the Tournament drew forty teams with the order of finish as follows: ***First - Red Race; Second - Cherokee Hose and Supply; Third Place - Joe's All Stars; Fourth Place - Oklahoma 49'ers and Fifth Place went to Haskell.***

Co-MVP were Steve Scott and Windy Ward, pitchers of the Red Race team. Ken Billingsly, the fine shortstop for Red Race, received the Glove Award. An added attraction of this year's men's tournament was the Old Timers game which drew not only a large contingent of players but fans as well.

The recipients of the Andy Berryhill Memorial Award were Webster Chalakee and Johnny Wittman for their contributions to Indian Fast-pitch softball.

The Sportsmanship Trophy was awarded to the Lawrence, Kansas team.

The results of the Women's Softball Tournament, according to Judy Sarniento, Tournament Director and head empire, are as follows; ***First Place*** - Young Eagles of Sapulpa, coached by Kenneth Factor; ***Second Place*** - Jammers of Sapulpa coached by Ricky Bruner; ***Third Place*** - Ponca City All-American, coach Jimmy Roughface; ***Fourth Place*** - OCA of Oklahoma City, coached by Merl Bryant; ***Fifth Place*** - Lawrence, Kansas Road Runners, coached by Don Cardeia.

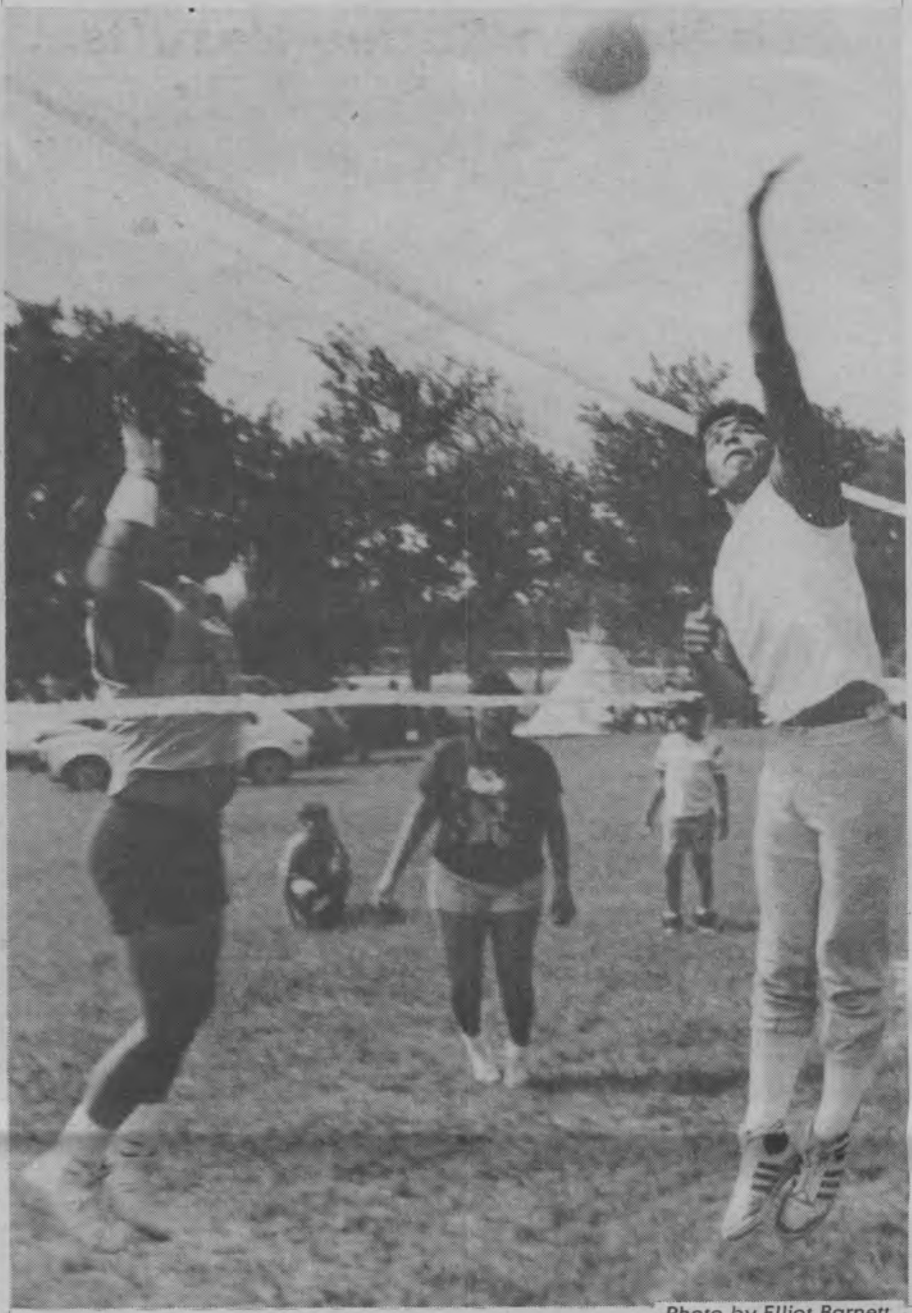
The Sportsmanship Trophy was awarded to the Lady Pirates of Sapulpa, coached by Leroy Perkins. The MVP's were; Louise Grayson of the Young Eagles and Ruthie Fox of the Jammers. The All-Stars were Lori Kaufman, Lawrence, Kansas; Deann Buffalohead, Ponca City; Lisa Fourkiller, OCA; Sheila Fox, Darlene Osburn and Yvonne Pankey of the Young Eagles; Bell Haught, Andrea Stevens and Ethel Guess of the Jammers. "I would like to thank everyone for their participation - we had a real good response and I would like to thank Steve Wilson for his support," Sarniento said of the 32 team tournament. She also said that if any of the teams want photos, they may contact Judy at her home phone, 224-8952.

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT RESULTS

The CN Volleyball Tournament held July 21-22 at the CN Omniplex was coordinated by the Yardeka Indian Community. The winners are as follows;

First Place - Tri-City
Second Place - Red Raiders
Third Place - Sooner Indians
Fourth Place - One Stop
The Seminole Katts received the Sportsmanship Trophy.

The Yardeka Indian Community wishes to thank Steve Wilson and staff for their help in the tournament.



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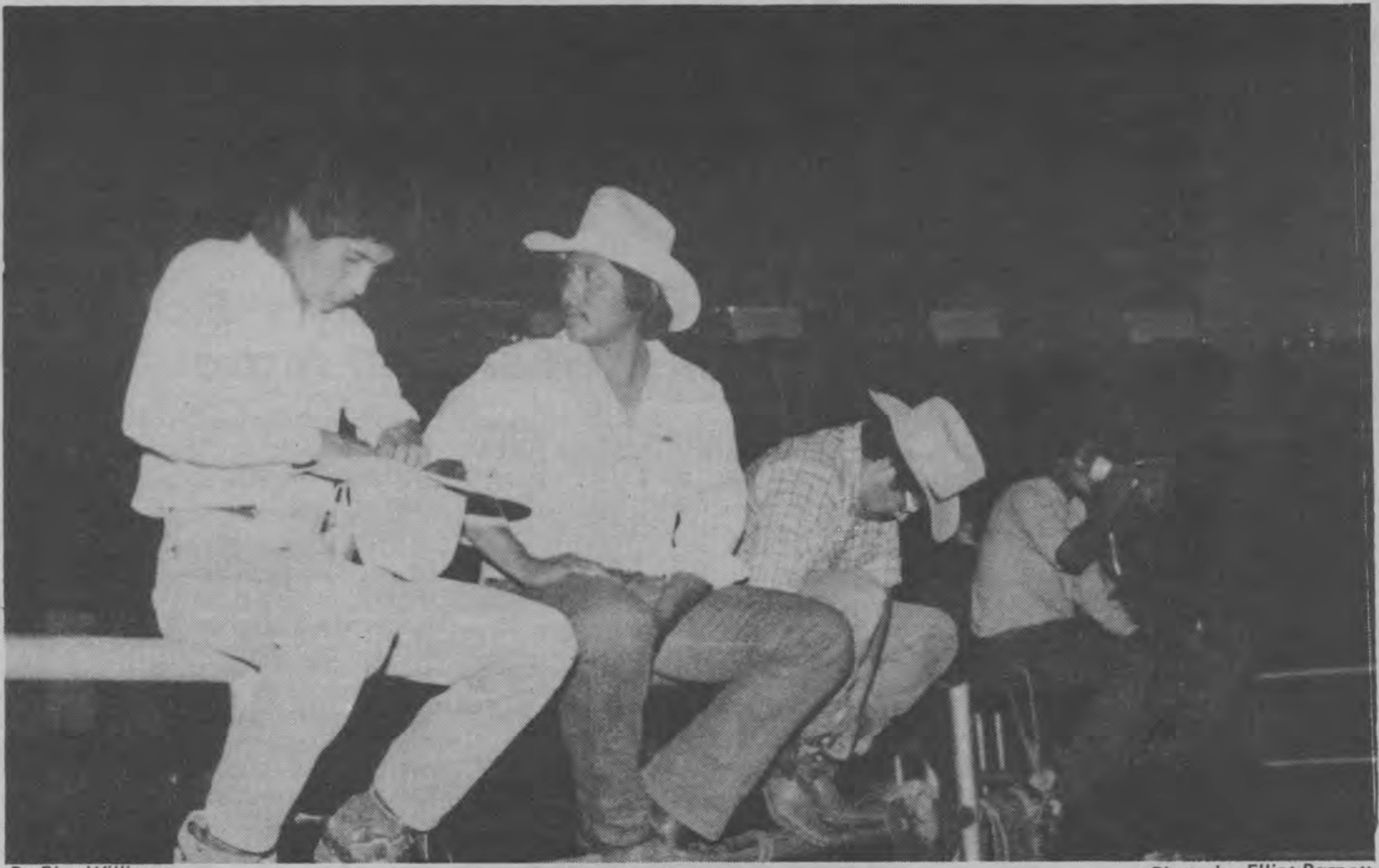
Creek Nation Rodeo Results...



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By Rita Williams

The 12th Annual Creek Nation Rodeo saw many contestants this year. One of the drawing factors was the increase in purse money this year.. 235 contestants came from 12 different states and a representation of 20 different tribes.

President of the Creek Nation Rodeo Club Harvey Gilroy commented "Everything went well, considering the numbers in contestants, which was an increase of last years by 100 and the fact that everybody worked well together and put in long hours starting 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. that following morning, and still maintained a degree of sanity." Harvey added, "This is probably the best one this year," giving the credit to the members of the Rodeo Club, sponsors and everybody involved "next year we will possibly be looking at a 3 day show." Harvey also stated " there was a total of about $20,000 just in event money this year, so we are pretty well pleased and are already looking at next year.

The winners of the 1/2 beef raffled off Friday and Saturday night were, Nada Criner of Okmulgee and Elizabeth Tarpalechee of Morris, Okla.

Friday night was also the crowning of our 1986 Rodeo Queen Stefanie Tarpalechee who is 18 years and a student at Bacone College, in Muskogee, Okla. Saturday afternoon Stefanie hosted a reception for the barrel-racers held at the Red Carpet Inn, Conference Room. The afternoon guest speaker was the 1985 Miss Indian Oklahoma, Audrey Barnett.

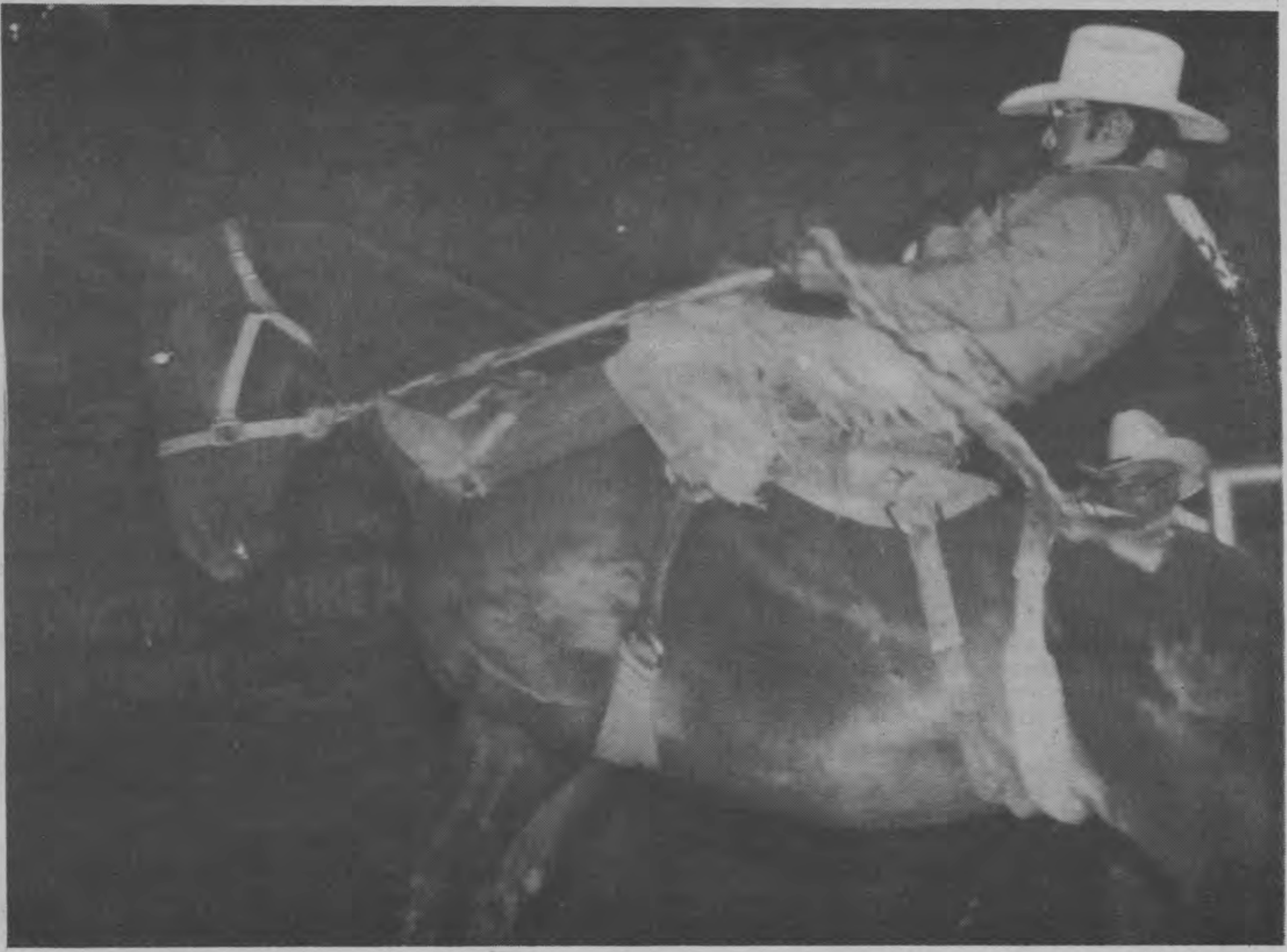
In the rough-stock events there are always danger known to the cowboy, unfortunately Friday and Saturday nights we had a few to get hurt in the bull-riding events that had stirred a general amount of understandable concern, for those of you who have been asking the condition of the cowboys the reports are, Marshall Johnson who was transported to Okemah Hospital Friday night was released the next day with injurys to his chest, but was riding in another rodeo in Arizona Sunday. Bobby Pablo who was knocked unconscious Saturday night was released from the Okmulgee Hospital Saturday night with a concussion, but he went on to ride in a rodeo Sunday Afternoon, also in Arizona.

July 4,5 our Region Eight cowboys and barrel-racers will be rodeoing at Window Rock, Arizona and Gallup.

The All-Indian Rodeo Schedule is as follows: July 11,12-Stroud Okla, July 25,26-Tahlihina,Okla, July 31,Aug 1,2,3,- Pine Ridge, S.D., Aug 14-17-Red Rock, Gallup,N.M., Aug 15,16-Anadarko,Okla, Aug 22,23,24 - Rosebud S.D, Aug 29,30,31 - Region 8 Finals, Tahlequah, Ok.

The Rodeo Club extends a gracious Thank-You to the Pecan Festival and Chamber of Commerce who worked in conjunction with the Rodeo Club to put on the parade, for without them it would not have been possible.

Listed are the 1986 Creek Nation Rodeo winners: **Bullriding - 1.st,** Davis Susan, **2.nd** Matt Fowler, **3rd.** Curtis Washington, **4th.** Mika Calico, **5th.** Spanke Cooke, **6th.** Jake Silago **Steer Wrestling - 1st.** Calvin Murphy, **2nd.** Bob Girty, **3rd.** Andrew Hunt, **4th.** Roy Ball, **5th.** Chris Rock, **6th.** Hollis Jodie, **Bareback - 1st.** Boy Clifford, **2nd.** Glen Adeky, **3rd.** Jerome Blackwater, **4th. Edison Rone, 5th.** Lancaster Bericho, **6th.** Hank Whitestorm, **Saddleback - 1st.** T.O. Yazzie, **2nd.** Rome Wager, **3rd.** Tom Tsoosie, **4th.** Dwayne Lafferty, **5th.** Howard Hunter, **6th.** J.R. Hunt (these 3 split) **Calf Roping - 1st.** Dee Keener, **2nd.** Sonny Victor, **3rd,** Jack Foreman, **4th.** Holly Foreman, **5th.** Ward Tsingine, **6th.** Wayne Franklin, **Barrel-Racing - 1st.** Tammy Daswood, **2nd.** Jennie Rampey, **3rd.** Pam Johnson, **4th.** Ross Brown, **Team Roping - 1st.** Tarz Foreman and Dick Foreman, **2nd.** Carl and Jeff Dennison, **3rd.** Bobby Holyan and Daryle Boyd, **4th.** Dee Keener and Butch Smith, **5th.** Jr. Tolino and Willie Jodie Jr., **6th.** John Metlock and Andrew Hunt. **The 1986 All-Around cowboy for Creek Nation is Dee Keener. Jr. Barrel -** Friday night 1st place was Cara Marie Jim, 2nd place was Ross Brown and 3rd place was Ella Hicks. *Saturday nights* winners were: 1st place, Ella Hicks, 2nd place Michele Kilpatrick and 3rd place, Christy Deathridge. The Junior Steer riders placing were: Sat. 1st Michael Collier, 2nd Dewayne Hammer, and 3rd place, Shannon Brown.



Oklahoma Higher Education Host National Conference

FROSTY TROY, EDITOR OF THE OKLAHOMA OBSERVER, DELIVERED THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS at the National Conference of Tribal Higher Education Contractors held June 17-19 at the Excelsior Hotel in Tulsa, as Dan Burgess, CN Director of Higher Education listens. Burgess also serves as the President of the host organization of the conference, the Oklahoma Indian Higher Education Scholarship Administrators Association.

By Kathryn Bell

Dan Burgess, Director of the Creek Nation Higher Education program, presented opening remarks at the National Conference of Tribal Higher Education Contractors held in Tulsa at the Excelsior Hotel, June 17-19. Burgess is President of the Oklahoma Indian Higher Education Scholarship Administrators Association(OIHESAA) which hosted the National Conference.

Frosty Troy, Oklahoma publisher and advocate for education, was the Keynote Speaker for the Conference which was attended by Indian professionals in education nationwide. In support of education, Troy admonished - "Education is the single most important component for building a good life...through it, the American Dream becomes an opportunity," he said. Troy praised all of the educational opportunities within the state, and stressed that these opportunities were not just for the young, but for any age and in any circumstance. He cited particularly the success of the vo-tech education programs that had been set up with the state's penal system. He also praised Headstart programs - "one of the most effective tools on the war on poverty," he exclaimed.

Troy, from many years of experience in support of education, spoke emphatically of the continuing need for higher education as a means not only of individual achievement and key to a better future, but of it's implications to the future of our country - "If we are going to win anything at all in the world arena politically, we will win it by education..."

Other featured speakers at the conference included; Harry Eagle Bull, Area Education Programs Administrator for the Aberdeen Area Office,(which he gave on behalf of the Office of Indian Education Programs), a drug and alcohol abuse presentation by Michael Smith, Mental Health Technician for the Haskell Health Center in Kansas, a presentation on Guidance Information Systems by Gloria Weatherall and Charla Byrd of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission and Jim Wheat of Houghton-Mifflin Company. Floyd West, Director of Financial Aid and Mary Ross-Tyon, Native American Counselor, both with Rogers State College in Oklahoma, gave a presentation on Educating Parents/Financial Aid Packaging.

Ed Lowery, Self-Determination Officer of the Muskogee Area Office BIA, gave a talk on PL 93-638. An Auditors Report and Tribal Higher Education Awards were presented by Roger LaRouche, Regional Audit Supervisor of the Office of Inspector General, Western Region, Dept. of the Interior.

Dr. Noah Allen gave the Wednesday Luncheon address on "Crossing the Rubicon," with a General Assembly following. Dr. Myrna Carney then spoke of Testing as a Predictor of Success in College/Dropout Prevention Techniques. Dr. Carney, University of Oklahoma, was assisted by Dr. Bud Sahmaunt of Oklahoma City University.

A panel presentation was given on perspectives of federal financial aid funding for American Indian College/University students from the past to the present, by Turner Bear, Cherokee Nation, Mary Coffey, Oklahoma City University, and Elton Davis, University of Oklahoma.

Eddie Wood, Director of the Institute for Employment and Career Planning in Norman, gave a presentation on Career Awareness.

Richard Mike, director of the Navajo Higher Education Program, was responsible for a Presentation of the National American Indian Honor Society on the last day of the Conference.

Special events of the Conference included a tour of Gilcrease Museum, A Reception, Luncheon, and a Creek Nation Bingo Night. Resolutions were drafted and the Conference adjourned on Thursday.

The 1986 Officers of OIHSAA include; Dan Burgess, President; Vice-President - Thomas Burns, Cheyenne-Arapaho Higher Ed. program; Secretary Wauneta Sanders of the Cherokee Nation and Treasurer Carol Curnutte, Director of the Ponca Tribe's Higher Ed.

The Muscogee Creek Nation was also one of the contributors to the general support of the Conference, as well as the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma, the Tonkawa Tribe of Oklahoma, Continental Federal Savings and Loan Association and the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education.

'Native American Games' Exhibit On Display At Stovall Museum

An Exhibit of Native American Games, co-sponsored by Creek Nation and the Stovall Museum at the University of Oklahoma, will be on display this July at the Museum in Norman, OK. The display, which shows the activities of more than 40 tribes, includes photographs from OU's Western History Collections showing Native American games, and represents tribes such as Cherokee, Chickasaw, Apache, Choctaw, Creek, Seminole, Cheyenne, Kiowa, Osage, Ote and Missouri, Winnebago and Wichita.

"These are not just games as we think of them, but part of the Native American traditional activities and annual events," said Peter Tirrell, assistant director of the museum. "These games have been a part of the Native American culture in much the same way as football games are ato same way as football games are to our celebration of Thanksgiving."

A third of the exhibit is devoted to lacrosse and stickball, two of the most popular Native American games."The most familiar Native American game, lacrosse, was adopted by whites and became the national game of Canada and a National Collegiate Athletic Association sport," Tirrell said.

During cold weather, children hurled snow snakes, made of wood, and bone sliders crafted from bones across snow or ice in competition for distance. Also popular was shinny, a sport similiar to hockey but played on dry land.

Other activities represented in the display are dice, hand, ring, and pin, hoop and pole, double-ball, moccasin and board games.

"The sports aspect of this display will appeal to youngsters and the exhibit offers insight into Native American culture," Tirrell said. "It is historically significant because stickball was outlawed in Mississippi and discouraged in Oklahoma so that tribes wouldn't get together in groups."

Copies of the equipment used in the display were crafted based on photographs, measurements and information gathered from institutions in Oklahoma, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Washington, D.C., Tirrell said. Objects have been produced by Tirrell, Rick Whitehead, Dan Timmons and Susan Kowalcyzk of the museum, and several Native American craftsmen.

Available for checkout in conjunction with the exhibit are interpretive materials, including a slide-tape program, video tapes, a teacher's guide, hands-on material, brochures and a poster.

Bacone Offers Weekend College

Students enrolling in Bacone College's Weekend College or evening classes may now be eligible for tuition assistance vouchers based on family income levels, according to Dr.John N. Hatfield, director of Continuing Education/Weekend College.

"Our new Tuition Credit Voucher System has just been started to benefit the students who might not be able to afford regular tuition, and who are not eligible for regular tuition assistance," Hatfield said.

Qualified students will apply the amount of the voucher towards the regular tuition credit hour price of $55, he said.

If a student's adjusted taxable income for 1985 was less than $10,000, the student could apply for a voucher worth up to $30 per credit hour. If the adjusted taxable income was less than $15,000, the credit voucher would be valued at $20 per credit hour, and if less than $20,000, worth $10 per credit hour.

"Income levels of $20,000 or more would not be eligible for this voucher," Hatfield said. Regular day students taking weekend or evening courses are also not eligible for vouchers.

To apply for the vouchers, students should bring a copy of their 1985 Federal Income Tax forms to the Office of the Registrar.

For more information on the credit voucher system, contact Hatfield at 682-1054, or the Office of the Registrar, Bacone College, at 683-4581.

OK INDIANS VOTE!

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Invocation: Tony Hale

Call To Order: Carney Roberts

Roll Call: A quorum was declared with twenty six members attending two absent.

Reading of Minutes: The minutes having been mailed prior to the meeting, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Hale and seconded by Williams to take these minutes back for corrections as there were erros on Page 13, 4 and 3. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty five in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The minutes will be taken back for corrections.

Order of Business:

I. Old Business: Veto Message returning NCA 86-17.

The message was read and considered as follows: April 11, 1986, Message of the Principal Chief Returning NCA 86-17 to The National Council with Objections. In accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, as Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I, Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 86-17 entitled "Amending NCA 86-08, Establishing Creek Nation Tax Commission and Sales Taxation Act", to the National Council with the following objections: ***Objection One:*** The Ordinance is contrary to the Development of a Viable Revenue and Tax Base. During a time when all governments are faced with reductions in funding at the federal level, it is essential that the tribal government implement new avenues to acquire funding to provide governmental and human services for our people. A recent ordinance increased the cigarette tax five cents per pack and this office approved that Ordinance. This legislation attempts to reduce the tax to the previous level of two and one half cents per pack. In view of the need for tribal revenue, this office supports the increased tax. Even with the increased tax, tribal license holders pay only 28% of the amount required of State licensees. From these figures it is clear that tribal licensees will continue to enjoy lucrative profits with proper management. **Objective two;** Token Taxation weakens the Tribal position in Litigation. When the courts apply the balancing approach as set forth in Washington vs. Confederated Tribes of Colville, which weigh the interests of the tribe and the federal government on one hand, and those of the state on the other, the increased tax may tip the scales in the tribe's favor. Even though the state's interests are $1.80 per carton and the tribe's are only $0.50, the tribe may prevail because the tribal tobacco tax is a major source of revenue needed to provide essential governmental services to its citizens, while the state's tobacco tax lost on these sales is minimal when compared to its total tax revenues. Additionally, the argument of requiring the state to credit against its own tax the amount of the tribe's tax has not been fully explored, although it was allueded to Justice Stewart's dissenting opinion in Colville. This argument may prevail provided that the Tribe's tobacco tax operates in functionally the same manner as do the State's tobacco excise and general sales tax in that pertinent tax ordinance (by regulation) requires that the taxes be passed on to the ultimate consumer. Consequently, the higher tribal tax may result in a larger credit against the state's taxes. **Objection three: The Reduction In Tax Reduces Tax Funds Available for Litigation.** Individual Licensees are barred from federal suits to enjoin the state from collection of its taxes pursuant to the Tax Injunction Act, 28 USC Section 1341. However under Title 28, USC Section 1362, Federal District Courts have original jurisdiction of all civil suits brought by an Indian tribe and said section overrides the bar of Section 1341. Consequently, in order to regain the elements of tribal sovereignty already lost by these licensees in state courts, the Creek Nation is in the position of facing important expensive litigation in federal court to protect the rights of all it citizens. The increased taxes will help defray the cost of this litigation and hopefully leave some revenues to provide essential governmental services such as health, education and welfare for all its citizens, as well as protect those licensees ability to earn a good living in the tobacco business. Previous increases in merchandise costs, which were passed on to the ultimate consumer, did not result in a significant decrease in sales volume in contrast to the decrease i volume resulting from the state court decisions. the burden of protecting the rights of all Creek citizens should be borne by those who will benefit the most, the licensees from successful federal litigation.

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of this office that the tax increase previously approved by the National Council be established and this veto be allowed to stand. NCA 86-17 is hereby returned as a veto accordance with the Constitution. Signed Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation and that CAC/pd.

THE MESSAGE HAVING BEEN READ THE CHAIR OPENED THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion having been held, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Kenneth L. Childers and seconded by Leah Stacy to over-ride the veto of NCA 86-17. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in Favor, Nine Against no Abstention

MOTION DID NOT PASS—THE VETO OF NCA 86-17 WILL STAND and shall be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

NEW BUSINESS. The new business was conducted as follows:

A BILL (5-A) To be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Council on this 31st day of May 31, 1986 by Sandy McIntosh, Committee Chairman on Tribal Affairs. 5-A shall be entitled A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROVING AN OIL AND GAS MINING LEASE ON TRIBAL LANDS BETWEEN THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AND LEROY KINKEAD OF ENID, OKLAHOMA.

The BILL was read and considered as follows:

Section 100. Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled:

Section 101. The oil and gas mining lease between the Muscogee Nation and Leroy Kinkead, of Enid, Oklahoma is hereby approved for a cash bonus of $2,040.00 at a royalty rate of 20% payable to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation for a term of three years for the following described lands:

Undivided one-half minerals in the west-half Southeast Quarter Section Three, Township Ten-North, Range Ten East, containing eighty acres more or less in Okfusgee District Muscogee Nation. (Okfusgee County, State of Oklahoma).

The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Richard Larney and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve BILL 5-A as read. The Chair entertained discussion. Chairman McIntosh, reported that this item had been to the Committee on Tribal Affairs and that it comes out of Committee with a recommendation of a "DO PASS". THE CHAIR CALLED FOR THE QUESTION. Results were as follows: Twenty-five in Favor, None Against No Abstentions. MOTION DID NOT CARRY. A BILL 5-A was approved as read and shall be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. A BILL 5-B TO BE INTRODUCED INTO THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATIONAL COUNCIL on this 31st day of May, 1986. This BILL is authored by Joe Fox and introduced by Leah J. Stacy, Chairman of the Committee on Business and Governmental Services. THE BILL shall be entitled the OMNIBUS TRIBAL REFORM ORDINANCE OF 1986 and shall read as follows:

Section 100. Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assemble: Section 101. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:A. The National Council in the course of its review, has determined that the issues contained in this Ordinance are each of a priority nature for the improvement and progress of the Tribal Government of the Muscogee Nation. B. The reforms contained in this Ordinance are necessaryto insure a balance of power between the three branches of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and to strengthen the capability of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution. C. The National Council further finds that the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation contains a removal article that is impractical in view of the fact that there is a large percentage of enrolled citizens and registered voters located in various parts of the United States and are often not educated to the government issues or state of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and its government. D. The National Council finds that prior to the adoption of the 1979 Constitution and November 20, 1974 there was created a non-profit corporation known as the "Creek Nation Foundation, Inc. E. The National Council finds that prior to the adoption of the 1979 Constitution there was created a profit making corporation known as the "Creek Nation Development and Construction Co.In "C" the National Council further finds that there needs to be systematic procedure established for the accounting of all financial assets and funds under the control of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Section 102. QUESTIONS TO APPEAR UPON BALLOT.

A. This Ordinance directs the Principal Chief to call a special election pursuant to Article IX section 1 (a) (2) and (b). The question for consideration by the Creek Citizenship are as follows: (1) Shall Article VII Section 2 be amended to read as follows: The Supreme Court shall be composed of six (6) members elected by a vote of the people. The term of office shall begin at the first day of January and the oath of office shall be taken at the regular scheduled National Council meeting during the month of January. In the case of vacancy, whether by removal, death, or resignation of a Supreme Court Judge a special appointment will be made by the Principal Chief with the advice and consent of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. (2) Shall Article VIII 1,2 3 be amended to read as follows: Section one. All Elected Officals of the Muscogee (Creek). Nation shall be liable and subject to impeachment for violation of the Oath of Office of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Section Two. The National Council shall have the sole power to try all Impeachments, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When sitting as a court of Impeachment, the National Council shall be presided over by a Supreme Court Justice, to be selected by the National Council. Section Three. No person shall be convict without the Concurrence of two-thirds (2/3rds) of the members of the National Council present. Section Four. Judgement of impeachment shall not extend beyond removal from office, but this shall not prevent punishment of any such officer on charges growing out of the same matter by the courts of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Section Five. The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall pass such ordinance(s), as are necessary for carrying into the effect the provisions of this Article.

Section 6. All decisions shall be written and shall be final.

(3) Article VI Section 2 (a) shall be amended to read as follows:

Each representative shall be elected by a vote of the district and shall hold office for four years.

(4) Article V Section 1 (a) shall be amended as read as follows:

The Executive power shall be vested in and shall be known as the Office of the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The Principal Chief shall hold office during a term of four years upon election by majority of the votes cast. The term of office shall begin the first Monday in the new calander year (January). No person shall be elected Principal Chief or Second Chief for more than two terms.

Section 103. Deposit of tribal funds with Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA).

A. The following tribal income shall be deposited in the BIA IIM Accounts.

(1) Income from the rental or lease of any tribal lands or office space.

(2) Income from the management of tribal property under contract, including the management agreement with Indian Country USA.

(3) All interest earned on deposit of tribal funds.

(4) The cash assets of the Creek Nation Foundation, Inc.

(5) Income from the disposals of surplus tribal property.

(6) Income from the sale of any tribal live stock.

(7) Income from the tax collection, licenses, fines, and penalities.

(8) Charitable donations to the Creek Nation.

(9) Cash assets of the Creek Nation Development and Construction Co., Inc.

(10) Any future or existing tribal income derived from tribally owned property and /or business.

THE BUILDING HAVING BEEN READ, THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED A MOTION.

A motion was made by Joe Fox and seconded by Sandy McIntosh to approve the BILL as read.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chair called for discussion.

Leah Stacy, Chairman of Business & Governmental Services reported that this BILL had been assigned to Committee and is being introduced with a Recommendation of a "DO PASS".

THE CHAIR CALLED FOR QUESTION.

A Roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in Favor, Seventeen Against, One Abstention.

MOTION DID NOT CARRY.

A motion was made by Kenneth Childers and seconded by Jonas Dunson to place this item on the Agenda for reconsideration at this time.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifteen in Favor, Ten Against, No abstentions

MOTION CARRIED. BILL 5-B was placed on the agenda for consideration a second time.

Discussion was held; a motion was made by Kennth Childers and seconded by Sandy McIntosh to approve the BILL 5-B.

THE CHAIR ENTERTAINED DISCUSSION.

Discussion was held and the Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Larry Bible and seconded by Jonas Dunson to amend BILL 5-B at Section 103, by deleting the entire section; and amending Section 102 - by adding the phrase "no more than two consecutive years.

The amendments have been made the chair called for the question.

A roll Call vote was taken on for the approval/disapproval of the amendment as follows: Twenty-Two in Favor, Three Against No Abstentions

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MOTION CARRIED. The amendment was approved as read.

A motion was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Bobby Hardridge to amend Section 102 Item (3) by deleting the phrase "and shall hold office for four (4) years", and inserting in its place the following "should hold office of no more than four years". Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in Favor, Seven against, No abstentions. MOTION CARRIED THE AMENDMENT WAS APPROVED AS READ. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken for the approval/disapproval of this Bill(5B) as follows: Fifteen in favor, ten against, no absentions. MOTION DID NOT CARRY in accordance to the Creek Constitution Article IX(1) * Secretary note: Discussion was held on the legality of said votes regarding the voting on a Constitutional Amendment, the Legal Counsel and Legislative Coordinator were consulted with a request for an interpretation/opinion of Article IX Section (1) a break was taken at this time. The Meeting Recessed at 12:30 for lunch and Reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Primeaux and seconded by McIntosh to amend the agenda by placing the following items for consideration on the agenda, the bills being entitled as follows: **5H A Bill approving an Attorney Contract with D. Gregory Bledsoe, Attorney at Law**

5K A Bill Authoring & Approving an Attorney Contract (Echols & Echols, Esq.) Regarding the Bingo Litigation.

5L A Bill Authorizing & Approving an Attorney Contract (Geoffery Standing Bear) Regarding the Bingo Litigation.

5M A Bill Authorizing & Approving an Attorney Contract (George Almerigi) Regarding the Bingo Litigation. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twenty two in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried - those items will be placed on the agenda for consideration during the May 31, Regular Scheduled Meeting. A motion was made by Primeaux and seconded by Thomas to address those Bills now prior to addressing Bill 5C. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being; twenty three in favor, none against and no absentions. Motion carried - items 5h, 5k, 5l and 5M will be addressed at this time.

The Bill and contract having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve the Bill 5M as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: thirteen in favor, ten against, no abstentions. **(For complete Bill and voting contact your representative).** Motion carried, Bill 5M was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

A motion was made by Primeaux and seconded by Roy Bear to recess this session of May 31, 1986 until June 2, 1986 - Monday at 7:00 p.m. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken the results being: Sixteen in favor, six against, one abstention. Motion carried, the meeting recessed until 7:00 p.m., Monday June 2, 1986. Meeting reconvened at 7:00 p.m.; the Speaker called the meeting to order. The Speaker addressed the written memo, "a written intrepretation" in regards (Bill 5-B) to the legality of Article IX, Section (1) as follows: June 2, 1986, addressed to the Honorable Carney Roberts, Speaker, from George Almerigi, General Counsel on the SUBJECT: BILL 5-B. Article IX, Section 1, of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Constitution requires a two-step procedure before a vote by the people can occur. The first step is in Section 1 (a) (1) of Article IX, by passage an amendment ordinance which requires a two-thrids (2/3) affirmative vote. Bill 5—B appearing on the May 31 Agenda is an attempt to comply with the said first step. If BILL 5-B were passed by two-thirds affrimative vote, it then would go to the Principal Chief for his signature. If the Principal Chief signed BILL 5B that is intended to result in changes to the Constitution, then that is an amendment ordinance. This is so, whether 5B is called a Bill or something else. After the Bill becomes an amendment ordinance, the Council then by a majority vote results the Principal Chief to set an election date within thirty days of the request. The Bill remains defeated/unapproved. A Bill 5C to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 31st day of May, 1986, authorized by Frank E. Kamp; assigned to the Committee on Business & Governmental Services, and on behalf of the Committee introduced by Leah J. Stacy with a recommendation of "DO PASS".**TITLE: A BILL Amending NCA 85-09 "Establishing Compensation/Reimbursement for Members of the National Council" the Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. NCA 85-09 as amended is hereby further amended as follows:** Section 104 is amended to read: MILEAGE. The National Council Member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be reimbursed for mileage accrued in the performance of all official business. The mileage rate shall be consistent with the mileage rate established by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Section 107 is amended to read: PERSONAL SUPPLIES: Each National Council member shall be furnished with a personal photo identification card certifying them as National Council members. The identification cards shall be signed by the Principal Chief and shall be enclosed in plastic. Each Council member shall be furnished, upon request, business cards, personalized stationary and envelopes which shall bear the seal of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Postage stamps shall be furnished to Council members upon request. Section 108 shall read: FUNDS APPROPRIATED. Funds appropriated by this ordinance are hereby authorized to be expended from Tribal Budget/National Council. **Section 102.** The National Council Secretary shall execute an original copy of NCA 85-09 as amended by this Ordinance and by NCA 85-31 and the Speaker of the National Council and its Principal Chief shall sign the amended Ordinance. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Dunn to approve BILL 5C as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve against, ten in favor, and none against. Motion did not carry. BILL 5C was not approved and shall be recorded as such.

A BILL 5D to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 31st day of May, 1986, authored by Frank Kamp and assigned to the Committee on Business & Governmental Services, and introduced by Stacy on behalf of the Committee with a Committee recommendation of a "DO PASS". TITLE: Advising and Consenting to the Creation and Organization of the Executive Office of the Principal Chief, Establishing certain Tribal Officers of, and Vesting the Appointment of all Tribal Officers within the Executive Office in the Principal Chief, with the Advise and Consent of the National Council. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. NCA 81-31 is hereby rescinded. **Section 102** Traditionally, Indian Tribes in general, and the various Tribes of the Muscogee Confederacy (Nation) in particular, awarded positions of responsibility and trust to tribal members who through past actions and services has proved to be worthy of such positions. Therefore, in the future, only persons who have demonstrated, through past actions, and services that they are worthy of holding positions of responsibility and trust should be nominated by the Principal Chief to the various positions on boards, councils and commissioners under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 104** The National Council hereby advises and consents to the creation and organization of the Executive Office of the Principal Chief, as requried by Article V, Section 2 of the Constitution of this Nation, an outline as follows: A. Executive Office of the Principal Chief, (1) The following councils, commission and boards may be established at any time by the Principal Chief through an Executive Order, provided that the appointment shall receive the advise and consent of the National Council, and appointees to said boards, councils and commissions shall not be compensated in anyway until they have been confirmed by the National Council.

a. Council of Economic Advisors
b. Comprehensive Planning Commission
c. Domestic Council
d. Trust Property Council
e. Board of Citizen Appeals
f. Council on Wage and Personnel Relations
g. Council on Special Representation for Liason with other governments
h. Muscogee (Creek) Members on the Five Civilized Tribes Inter-Tribal Council
i. Citizenship Board
j. Election Board
k. Commissioners for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Housing Authority
l. Gaming Commissioner and Board
m. All other boards and council and commissions, which are now, or will at some future date be under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

(2) Prior to any actions of the above councils, boards or commissioners as Tribal Authorities, an Ordinance of the Nation shall be required.

(3) No person shall be allowed to hold a position on more than one (10 of the various boards, councils or commissions under the jurisdication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

(4) The Chairperson of each board, council or commission under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, shall at the quarterly meetings of the National Council, appear and make a quarterly report.

(5) Each Board, council or commission under the jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall be limited to one member from each district within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Section 105. The following Directors of Offices within the Executive Office of the Principal Chief shall be considered Appointed Tribal Officers and as such shall be required to receive the advice and consent of the National Council, and further, said Director as "Appointed Tribal Officers" of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, shall be required to take the oath of office.

A. OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER
The Controller (An Appointed Officer)
Director of Finance
Payroll Services
Investments
Tax Management
Cash Management
Accounting & Reporting
B. OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATION
Executive Director (An Appointed Officer)
Fiscal and Management Services
Budgets
Contracts
Management Information Systems
General Services
Personnel Property Control
Purchasing
Executive Archives
Records Management
Library
Personnel Services
The Muscogee Nation News, Communication & Graphic Services
C. DIVISION OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
Director of Tribal Affairs (An appointed officer)
Lighthorse
Economic Research & Development
Comprehensive Planning
Realty
D. DIVISION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
Director of Community Services (an appointed officer)
Health Services
Environment Services
Social Services
Community Research and Development
E. DIVISION OF HUMAN DEVELOPMENT
Director of Human Development (An Appointed Officer)
Employment and Training Services
Adult Education
Pre-School and Elementary Education
Secondary Education
E. OFFICE OF JUSTICE
The Attorney General (An appointed officer)
Tribal Claims
Land & Natural Resources
Civil Rights
Civil Actions
Criminal Actions
Contract Administation
G. OFFICE OF PUBLIC GAMING
Commissioner of Public Gaming (An appointed officer)

Section 106. All appointed Tribal Officers, Board Members, Council Members, and Commissioners listed in Section 104 and 105, must be confirmed to said positions with the advice and consent of the National Council.

Section 107. Persons who do not receive the advice and consent of the National Council.

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Section 107. Persons who do not receive the advice and consent of the National Council, shall not be considered again within a one year period.

'**Section 108.** If at some future date it is decided by the majority of the National Council that the appointed Tribal Officers, Board Members, Council members or Commissioners are not longer performing satisfactory they shall be removed from said position by the order of a tribal resolution passed by a majority vote of the National Council.

Section 109. The Principal Chief is required to implement a personnel policy, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this Ordinance, the provisions of which may not be contrary to Tribal Law. The Personnel Policy must be approved by the Tribal Council and shall become a Tribal Ordinance, after being approved by a majority vote of the National Council.

Section 110. The Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall retain jurisdiction over all controversies arising under,persuant to,or in conflict with the personnel policy.

Section 111. The Personnel Policy shall prohibit conflicts of interest, shall prohibit nepotism, and shall provide prompt and speedy relief for employee grievances.

The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Kamp and Dunn to approve the BILL 5-D.

The Chair entertained Discussion. Discussion was held with Kamp explaining his reasons behind this BILL.

The Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Childers and seconded by Kamp to amend BILL 5-D at Section 110 by deleting the words "National Council" and adding in its place "Creek Nation Judicial System".

Upon a motion duly made and seconded the Chair entertained a question.

Question. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-one in Favor Two Against, No abstentions.

MOTION CARRIED. The amendment was approved as stated.

Second Motion: A motion was made by Kamp and seconded by Childers to amend Section 104 by deleting item "k" and changing the following items in proper sequence.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-two in Favor, One Abstention, None Against

MOTION CARRIED. The amendment to Section 104 item "k" was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded for the approval of said BILL (5) the Chair called for the question.

Question. The Roll call was taken with the result being: Fifteen in Favor, Eight Against, No Abstentions

MOTION CARRIED. BILL 5-D was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

A BILL 5-E to be introduced into the National Council on this 31st day of May, 1986, introduced by Leah J. Stacy, Chairman of Business and Governmental Services.

TITLE: A BILL Approving a one Year Tribal Plan for Dockets 169, 272, 277 and 309-74 for FY-87.

Section 100. Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council asembled:

Section 101. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:

A NCA 82-11 provides for the programming of interest from Dockets 169, 272, 277 and 309-74 in a series of three year plans.

B. The office of the Treasury has estimated interest revenues for the FY-87, 1988 and 189.

C. It is the purpose of this Ordinance to establish categories for expenditures of these revenues for FY-1987.

Section 102. Definitions: The categorical definitions of this plan shall be: Category and Definitions.

A. Tribal government. The National Council and Secretary, the Office of the Principal Chief, the Second Chief, the Supreme Court and inferior courts, the Citizenship and Election Boards, and other officers established by ordinance;

B. Tribal Programs: Programs established by ordinance to promote the health, safety, welfare, rights and other needs for the Muscogee (Creek) people.

C. Community Development: Projects which finance the construction of public use facilities for Muscogee (Creek) Indian Communities, churches and ceremonial grounds, through guidelines established by ordinance.

D. Capital Acquisition: Purchases of land, purchases of equipment and construction of facilities for economic development projects, authorized by Ordinance.

E. Cultural Education and Museum Planning: Research, Training and Instruction for Muscogee (Creek) Indian on traditional cultural, arts, tribal history, tribal language, and planning of a Museum, to include a library, as provided by Ordinance.

F. Social Welfare: (1) 33% of annual amount for Emergency Funds for eligible Muscogee (Creek) Indians according to guidelines established by ordinance: (2) 67% of annual amount for Social Welfare Financial assistance for Muscogee (Creek) Indian who are 50 or older, according to guidelines established by ordinance.

G. Higher Education: Scholarships to colleges and universities for Muscogee (Creek) Indians, according to guidelines established by Ordinance.

Section 103. The percentage limits, with estimated revenues, shall be as follows: Appropriations, Percentages and Fiscal years

A. Tribal Government-30% at $343,125;
B. Tribal Programs-.10 at $114,375;
C. Community Development-.10% at $114,375;
D Capital Acquisition-.00 at -0-;
E. Cultural Education-.00 at -0-;
F. Musuem Planning-.00 at -0-;
G. Social Welfare-.40% at $457,500;
H. Higher Education-.10% at $114,375;
Total of 1.00% at $1,143,750;

Section 104. Sections of NCA 82-11 which are not inconsistant with this legislation shall remain in effect.

Section 105. Funds not expended from the contract from the current plan expiring at the end of FY-86 shall become principle.

Section 106. An annual audit shall be required and the National Council shall select the firm to conduct the audit.

Section 107. Funds used to conduct the audit shall be appropriated by Ordinance.

Section 108. Budget line item modifications shall be limited to 5% (five Percent)

The Bill 5-E having been read, the chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Irene Cleghorn and seconded by Jonas Dunson to approve BILL 5-E.

The chair entertained discussion.

A motion was made by Tony Hale and seconded by Pat Clark to amend Section 103 by changing line items "Community Development and Capital Acquisition to on item"--"C. Economic Development"-30% at $243, 125.00 and change the line item alph the proper sequence".

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being, thirteen in Favor,Seven against, Three Abstentions.

MOTION CARRIED: The amendment was approved.

Second Amendment: A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Helen Chupco to amend Section 103 (C) by deleting the $100,000 from (C)-Community Development and give $100,000 to (H) Higher Education).

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in Favor, Eight Against, No Abstentions

MOTION CARRIED. The seconded amendment was approved as read.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded to approve BILL 5-E, the Chair called for the question.

A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in Favor, Nine Against, One Abstention

MOTION CARRIED. BILL 5—E was approved and shall reflect approved amendments as stated, and shall be recorded into the Creek Nation Code of laws as such.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: The Chair entertained a motion to add items under consideration to the agenda for legislative action during this session

A motion was made by Dunson and seconded by Stacy to add Items 5-F A BILL Amending NCA 85-66 Revising & Appropriating Additional Funds for the Operation of the Gaming Commission:

5-G A BIll Providing Authorization for Tribal Contracts to Provide Services & Programs for FY-1987;

5—H A BILL Approving an Attorney Contract with D. Gregory Bledsoe, Attorney At Law:

5—I; A BILL Authorizing and Appropriating Tribal Funds for the Starter Field Coil Fabricator Project:

5-J A BILL Authorizing and Approving Tribal Funds for the Okmulgee Bingo Facility Project:

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty one in Favor, None Against, Two Abstentions

MOTION CARRIED. These items were discussed and considered as follows:

A BILL 5-F to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 31 st day of May, authored by the Principal Chief; assigned to the committee on Business & Governmental Services, on behalf of the Committee, Leah Stacy introduced this Governmental Services, on behalf of the Committee, Leah Stacy introduced this BILL to the Full Council with a recommendation of a "Do Pass".

Title: A BILL Amending NCA 85-66 Revising and Appropriating Additional Funds for the Operation of the Gaming Commission.

The BILL was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. FINDINGS. The National Council finds that:

A. The Gaming Commission has successfully performed its prescribed duties as authorized by ordinance.

B. An additional 9% funding is required for Fiscal year 1986.

C. The additional funding of $15,252 is available from Bingo Revenues which now total $688,216 in unobligated funds.

Section 102. NCA 85-66 is hereby amended at Section 102 to revise and appropriate the Gaming Commission's budget for Fiscal year 1986 as follows: see Council Representative.

Section 103. All other provisions of NCA 85-66 shall remain unchanged.

The BILL having been read the Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Harley Little and seconded by Leah Stacy to postpone for further review.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in Favor, Six against, No Abstentions.

MOTION CARRIED. The BILL 5-F was postponed.

A motion was made by Kenneth Childers and seconded by Joe Fox that this BILL be discussed on June 10, 1986 at 7:00 p.m., by the Committee of the Whole, with the office and Officer of the Gaming Commission and others relating to this BILL.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen Yes, Six Against, No Abstentions:

MOTION CARRIED. Meeting by the Committee of the Whole will be held as scheduled.

A BILL 5-G to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 31st. day of May,1986 introduced by request of the Principal Chief and assigned to the Committee of Human Development and Community Services and presented to the full Council with a recommendation of a "Do Pass".

TITLE : A BILL Providing Authorization for Tribal Contracts to Provide Services and Programs for FY-1987.

The BILL was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that:

A. The Muscogee Nation has satisfactorily performed its contractual obligations throughout the past several Fiscal Years.

B. Federal State and othe contracts are currently necessary for the Tribal delivery of needed services to Indians within the Muscogee Nation.

C. Federal, state and other contracts should be authorized for Fiscal year 1987.

Section 102. Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the Muscogee Nation to utilize federal, state and other contracts for the delivery of necessary services to Indians within the Muscogee Nation.

Section 151. Contracts described by this Ordinance are hereby authorized for fiscal year 1987.

Section 152. The authority of the Muscogee Nation to enter into contracts for the 1987 Fiscal Year is hereby delegated to the Principal Chief under the terms of this Ordinance.

Section 153. The Muscogee Nation shall enter into contracts and grants with federal, state and other entities including but not limited to:

A. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
1. Department of the Interior
2. Department of Health and Human Services
Headstart Training and Technical Assistance
Head Start Handicap
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3. Department of Agriculture
Commodity Distribution Program
4. Department of labor
H. All contracts shall commence on or after October 1, 1986.
I.All contracts shall be for a period of not more than three years.

Section 202. Funds received by the Muscogee Nation under any contract authorized by the Ordinance are hereby appropriated for the sole purpose of the contracts and the Principal Chief is instructed to expend those funds in accordance with applicable contract and other requirements.

Section 203. Budget Modifications may be proposed by the Principal Chief to the agency, and if approved, may be implemented with the advice and consent of the National Council.

A. Approved Budge Modifications shall be provided to the National Council.

Section 204. The Principal Chief is directed to enter into leases of tribal facilitie on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to tribal program under contract and to federal programs needing office, program or storage space when such federal programs serve Indian residents or citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation., All such funds received are hereby appropriated to the Tribal Real Property and Facilities Program.

Section 205. No request to retrocede any contract under this Ordinance is authorized to be made without any Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation.

Section 203. The Principal Chief is authorized to obtain such residual or carry-over funds as may be available from unexpended FY-86 funds, to be applied to contract for the same general purposes.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Clark to approve the BILL as read. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Childers and seconded by Primeaux to amend BILL 5-G at Section (B) by inserting a phrase after the words "Principal Chief"Speaker of the National Council or his designated representative,the Director of the Division and/or Chairperson of the Committee related to the Program" and before the words proposed to implement.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen Against , Nine in Favor, No Abstentions.

MOTION DID NOT PASS.

Upon a motion been duly made and seconded for the approval of 5-G, the Chair called for the question.

A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in Favor, Three Against, No Abstenstions.

MOTION CARRIED. The BILL 5-G was approved as read.

A BILL 5-I to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 31st day of May, 1986, introduced by Sandy McIntosh, Chairman, by request of the Principal Chief, and assigned to the Committee on Tribal Affairs and introduced to the full council with a recommendation of a "Do Pass".

TITLE: A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing and Appropriating Tribal Funds for the Starter Field Coil Fabricator Project.

The Bill was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to administer and expend funds not to exceed $455,406 for the Starter Field Fabricator Project".

Section 102. Tribal Funds appropriated for this project shall be expended from 7151 funds.

Section 103. Unexpected funds appropriated for this project shall be returned to the 7151 funds account.

Section 104. The management of this project shall be in compliance with the attached Management Contract (attachement was not read)

The Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Clark and seconded by Foster to approve the BiLL 5-1 as read. The Chair entertained discussion. Discussion was held.

A motion was made by Barton Williams and seconded by Primeaux to return this item to committee for further review.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in favor, none against, Two abstentions.

MOTION CARRIED. BILL 5-I was postponed and returned to the Committee on Tribal Affairs

A BiLL 5-J to be introduce into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 31st day of May, 1986, introduced by Sandy McIntosh by request of the Principal Chief, and having been assigned to the Committee on Tribal Affairs, and being presented to the full council with a recommendation of a "Do Pass".

TITLE: A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing and Appropriating Tribal Funds for the Okmulgee Bingo Facility Project.

Section 100. Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled.

Section 101. The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to administer and expend funds not to exceed $301,157 for the Okmulgee Bingo Facility Project. **Section 102.** Tribal funds appropriated for this project shall be expended form 7151 funds. **Section 103.** Unexpended funds appropriated for this project shall be returned to the 7151 funds account. **Section 104.** The operation of the facility shall be in compliance with NCA 84-04, "Regulating Public Gaming within the Muscogee (Creek) Nation." **Section 105.** The management of this facility shall be by an Interim Management Executive Committee consisting of the Principal Chief, Executive Director, Director of Finance, Speaker of the National Councl and a member of the National Councl appointed by the National Council Speaker. **Section 106** Prior to September 30, 1987, the Executive Committee shall present to the National Council a permanent management structure for the Okmulgee Bingo Facility. **Section 107** Upon approval of this Ordinance a bidding process shall be advertised for the construction of the facility and preference shall be given to Indian contractors. **Section 108.** All contractors shall be required to meet pertinent Tribal Ordinances, Federal Laws and Regulations. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve the Bill (5-J) as read. The Chair called for discussion. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: twelve in favor, nine against, no abstentions. Motion carried. Bill 5J was approved and will be recorded as such.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A Bill 5-N was presented to the Full Council by Stacy, with a request that this item be placed on the agenda for consideration during this session. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Primeaux to place this item on the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: nineteen in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, Bill 5N was placed on the agenda for consideration as follows:

A Bill 5N to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 31st day of May, 1986, introduced by Stacy to the full council for consideration by the Council Acting as a Committee of the Whole. The bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Attorney contract between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Geoffrey Standing Bear, attached hereto, is hereby approved and the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to execute the said contract. **Section 102.** There is appropriated $12,000 from Bingo revenues for $10,000 compensation to the Attorney and for $2,000 for reasonable and necessary expenses of litigation, travel and lodging in connection with said litigation. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Primeaux and seconded by Johnson Buck to approve the bill 5N as read. The Chair entertained a discussion. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: thirteen in favor, four against and no abstentions. Motion carried, Bill 5N was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

Announcements, Report, ETC. The Planning Sessin will be held on the 17th day of June, 1986 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting was adjourned by unanimous decision.

Seawright Wins 1st in Discus Throwing

William Eugene Seawright son of Mike and Susie Seawright (formerly Susie Chalakee of Okmulgee) wins first place in the Junior Division of Discus Throwing in the Junior olympics held June 21st at Clemson University Track and Field, Clemson S.C., He threw 113,4ft for the preliminary trials and 119.6ft. for the finals.

William is a 14 years old 13/32 Creek Indian who stands 5'10 weighs 210 lbs. and will be a sophomore this fall at Dixie High School, DueWest, S.C. He has only been throwing the discus for about 4 months and is coached by Jay Lown, Dixie High School Track Coach. His hobbies besides throwing the discus in track are fishing, hunting, golfing and archery.

William Eugene is the grandson of Beulah and the late (Henry) Seawright of Donalds, S.C. and Reuben and Peggy Chalakee of Okmulgee, Okla. He is also the nephew of Pearl Thomas AVT Counselor of the Creek Nation.

William will compete in the region 111/AAU USA Junior Olympics Track and Field Championship meet July 11, 1986 at Fetzer Field, University of N.C., Chapel Hill, N.C.

STEVE WILSON, LEFT, DIRECTOR OF THE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR CREEK NATION, PRESENTS REV. AUSTIN BARNETT with a gift for having the most children. The Award was given June 12 at the Father's Day Dinner held at the CN Complex Dining Hall. The Rev. and Mrs. Barnett have eleven children. There were approximately 100 elderly who attended the Father's Day Dinner and program, according to Wilson.

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Indian Health Service Hearing Set To Discuss Blood Quantum Issue

By Helen Chalakee

A hearing to discuss the proposed Indian Health Service policy change limiting service to one quarter or more Indian blood degree is set for August 21, 8:30 a.m. til 12 noon, at the Creek Nation Mound in Okmulgee.

The hearing is for individuals to make comments on the proposed policy change. Both written and oral comments will be accepted. According to the proposed rule change, an eligible person must be: a member of a federally recognized tribe, or eligible for membership in a federally recognized tribe; of 1/4 or more American Indian or Alaskan Native ancestry; and a resident in a designated health service delivery area.

James Floyd, director of Creek Nation Community Services which oversees all Creek Nation health care, commented the regulation change would siphon funds out of Oklahoma causing a drastic funding reduction for Creek health facilities.

Floyd further commented that what appeared to be a streamlining effort by Indian Health Service to provide quality care to Indians of higher blood degrees would actually minimize the tribe's opportunity to serve them.

Limiting services to those of one quarter or more will decrease the funding that is currently based on patient load regardless of blood degree. The decreased funding will make it impossible to provide quality care and in some instances will interfer with employing professional staff, purchasing needed supplies and equipment, and from keeping up maintenance on our facilities.

Creek Nation will lose one and one-half million at the start up of this proposed policy change. Some of the smaller Oklahoma tribes who base their patient load on up to 70 and 80 per cent under a quarter will be virtually wiped out and left with no resource to serve even their full bloods.

Indian Health Service officials will be present at the hearing to record comments. It is very important that everyone who is interested in this issue be present and make their comments known.

CHIEF COX AND HENRY BELLMON officially open the Okemah Health Clinic July 31 with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Several Okemah residents, hospital staff and tribal council representatives were on hand for the event.

CN Okemah Health Clinic Officially Opened by Chief Cox and Bellmon

Chief Cox and Henry Bellmon officially opened the newly constructed Creek Nation Okemah Health Clinic on July 31. The clinic was constructed entirely with tribal funds at a cost of $100,000 and serves 40 to 45 patients daily.

Bellmon commended the tribe for building the needed facility. In turn, Chief Cox commended Bellmon for his efforts when he was in the Governor's office and also the U.S. Senate.

A reception was held prior to the ceremony by Okemah residents for Bellmon who is again a candidate for Governor. Later in the day, a B.B.Q. was held in Okmulgee by local residents who feel Bellmon is the leading Republican candidate for the office.

Sapulpa Banquet Honors Mose Cahwee

The Sapulpa Indian Community recently honored Mose Cahwee at their July monthly meeting held in Collins Hall of the Public Library.

Since July is the anniversary month of the time that this community was chartered in 1983, it was decided to make this occasion different from the usual business meetings by having a banquet dinner to honor one of the most dedicated citizens in this Indian community. Mose Cahwee, his wife, Thelma, their children and grandchildren were so honored (a surprise to them).

It is a well-known fact among the Indian citizenry in this community that Mose Cahwee has generously given of his time and talent for the common good of all Indians living in Creek County. He has been an active leader for 14 years searching for ways and means to fund various projects to benefit Indians. It was through his efforts that federal programs such as Title IV and JOM were introduced in to the Sapulpa schools.

Stephen Foster from Oilton acted as Master of Ceremonies. Various community members took this time to orally express their appreciation of Mose's services. In behalf of the Community the Chairman, Rev. John Fixico, presented Mose a plaque in appreciation of 14 years of dedicated, unselfish service even against many odds. His wife, Thelma was also presented a gift from the community.

The Invocation was given by Rev. Jonas Partridge, along with a few inspiring remarks.

Distinguished guests attending were our representatives; Roy Bear, Earl Wheeler, along with Dr. Garrick Bailey, Professor of Anthropology at Tulsa University; also a few of our own tribal members; Ida Riley of Bristow, Ok. Ann Washington, Mannford, Albert Rolland, Addie George, Mr. & Mrs. Matt Potter, and Mrs. Jonas Partridge all of Sapulpa.

Approximately 70 people attended this banquet. Not only did we enjoy a delicious meal, some of which were traditional Indian dishes, but the Spirit of Unity and Joy was evident as we rejoiced with the Cahwee family.

Museum of the American Indian Looking for New Location

New York's Museum of the American Indian has been looking for a dozen years for an appropriate home for its priceless collection, now spread among three locations in upper Manhattan and the Bronx.

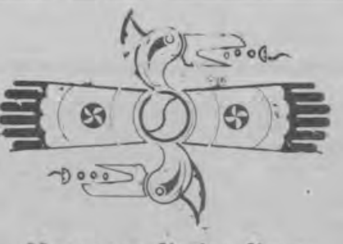
Last year, H. Ross Perot offered the Museum $70 million to come make its home in Texas. Two other much-discussed solutions are to merge with the American Museum of Natural History or move into the old United States Custom House at the southern tip of Manhattan.

In a July 29 editorial, the *New York Times* noted that the State Supreme Court recently issued a preliminary ruling on the museum's petition to move away from New York. "It must be as obvious to the litigants as it is to the court that is was not the intention of the founder, George S. Heye, to allow his museum to perish and its collections to be dispersed rather than be removed to another state," said Justice Martin Stecher.

The editorial said the merger talks broke down last fall because the museum's trustees feared they would lose too much of their independence.

-NOTICE-

Creek Nation Head Start will begin classes August 25 at the four centers located in Okmulgee, Eufaula, Sapulpa and Yeager. The bus routes will begin at 8:00 a.mm. and classes will dismiss at 1:00 p.m.



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Fall Enrollment Open at Bacone

Enrollment for the 1986 semester at Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla., is scheduled for Aug 21 and 22, according to C. Roger Williams, registrar. Fall classes will begin Aug 25, and late enrollment will continue through Sept. 24.

All students enrolling should report to the library, located on the south entrance of Richard Hall.

Bacone, a private two-year liberal arts college founded in 1880 in Indian Territory, is the oldest continuing institution of higher education in the state of Oklahoma. The College's American Indian heritage continues today, with students representing over 35 tribes from throughout the United States.

'In addition to a complete liberal arts schedule, the college offers five specialized areas of study leading to the associate of arts degree. Areas offered include business, mid-management, business administration and management, secretarial science, registered nursing, and radiologic technology.

The college is also known for its art school, and has graduated such noted artists as Dick West, Willard Stone and David Williams.

A complete financial aid program is available at the college, and students interested in applying for financial aid should request a copy of the ACT Needs Analysis, according to the Office of Financial Aid.

For more information on the programs, enrollment, or financial Aid, contact the Office of the Registrar or the Office of Financial Aid, Bacone College, Muskogee, Ok 74403, or call 918-683-4581.

Family Reunion Gospel Singing

On August 31, 1986 there will be a Brush Arbor Revival starting at 7:30 p.m. lots of singing and preaching from different speakers, come and join us.

On Sept.13, 1986 beginning around 9:00 a.m., ancestors of Hettie Lena will be gathering for a reunion. Families and relatives of Jacob Long, Lucinda McKellops, Willie Sumka, Lewis Soweka, Bennie Taylor, Sarah Coker Hicks, Annie Coker Bear, Ella Coker Hicks, Mary Taylor are all invited. Bring a covered dish and your lawn chairs. There will be volleyball games horseshoe pitching and other games.

Ending with a gospel singing. Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. Singing will start at 7:30 p.m. The M.C. will be Robert Jones. We are expecting, Muscogee Sounds, Vann Lake Gospel, Chuculate Family, Polecat Family, Spiritual Four and others. Come and be with us.

Location: South. of Henryetta on Salem road, about 5 miles to Sumka residence. Watch for signs.

Letter to the Creeks...

I have been going to write my appreciation of the Creek Newspaper,it is great. In the June issue of the paper, I saw where Christine Henneha was making Shell Shakers, I helped my aunt Mamie Buck make those, some 40 years ago on our farm 7 1/4 miles southeast of Mounds and it brought back memories of my great aunt. The Creek Nation has alot of relatives that I have not seen in years and don't recognize most of them. Thank you for the wonderful paper.

A faithful reader
John Winslow Brown
Cape Gerardeau, Mo

To Indian Voters Okfuskee County:

I, Steve Burden, believe I can make the change so many of our people need. We cannot afford to continue politics as usual. In Okfuskee County District 3, we need a change. When churchs can't meet because the roads are washed out, and Indian children have to cross bridges in school buses that propane truck drivers won't cross; something must be changed. I care, and I believe I can make a difference as County Commissioner, District 3. Be sure and vote for me on August 26!

Steve Burden
Creek Indian Candidate
For County Commissioner

Indian Legal Services To Begin Circuit Riding

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services Inc. will begin a circuit riding office at Creek Nation on August 21. Interviews will be held at the Office o' Justice on the third Thursday of each month. O.I.L.S. is interested in the following types of cases; Indian land, Indian housing, natural resources (such as mineral rights, hunting and fishing rights, water rights), Tribal enrollment problems, disputes, tribal sovereignty issues, Indian religion, and Indian Child Welfare cases (if a potential significant issue is involved). For more information or to set up and appointment, call Oklahoma Indian Legal Services collect at 405-528-5500.

August National Council Meetings

Planning Session - August 12, 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, in the Council Chambers.

Committee Meeting - Business and Governmental Services, August 19th, 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, in the Council Chambers.

Regular Scheduled Meeting - August 23rd, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. in the Auditorium of the Mound Building at the CN Complex, Okmulgee.

Meetings scheduled after this date shall be posted immediately upon confirmation from Chairman of each committee.

Note: Kay Willie, Secretary of the National Council said that corrected minutes (published in their original form in the last issue of MNN) can be acquired by contacting your representative.

Chickasaw Nation to Host Conference at Arrowhead

The Chickasaw Nation will conduct a statewide CHR Training Conference at Choctaw Nation Arrowhead Resort, formerly Arrowhead State Lodge, on Lake Eufaula September 16-18. The conference is open to all current CHRs in Oklahoma. Workshops will be presented during the day with many activities during the evening hours. The tenative agenda includes:

September 16: Registration, 4-9 p.m.
September 17:
8-9 a.m.- Registration
10 a.m.-12 noon- General Assembly
12 noon-1 p.m.- Lunch
1-4:30 p.m.- Health Promotion, Lifestyles
6-8 p.m.- Wine & Cheese Reception
8-10 p.m. CHR Talent Show
September 18:
9 a.m.-12 noon- Workshops
12 noon-1 p.m.- Lunch
1-4 p.m. Workshops
7-9 p.m. Awards Banquet
9:30 p.m.-1 a.m.- Dance

Workshop sessions include: CHR Burnout, Stress, Motivation; E.M.S./Safety, Death & Dying, Dialysis; Diabetic control; Health Promotion, Diet, Exercise; Alcohol/Drug Abuse; Child Abuse/Neglect, Communication skills.

Make your reservations today at Arrowhead, phone 918/339-2704. Rooms are being held for this special event at discounted rates. For more information contact: Dean McManus, conference chairman, at 405/436-2603, extension 312.

GOSPEL SINGING

A Gospel Singing will be held August 23, 7:30 p.m. at Wetumka Indian Baptist Church. M.C. is Eastman Factor and everyone is invited to attend. The church is located one mile south, 3/4 mile east of Hwy 75 at Wetumka.

COACHMAN/HARJO FAMILY REUINON

A family reunion is scheduled for the Coachman and Harjo familes at Sand Creek Indian Baptist Church for September 1. Family and friends are invited to attend and bring a covered dish.

"Special Thank You"

To all who shared in our sorrow at the passing -on of our father, friend, Brother-in Christ Jesus. Words are not adequate enough to say how much your presence, prayers, comforting words and the donations of food meant to our family. Again, we say a "special thank you" to each and everyone.

THE JACKSON BRUNER FAMILY

Help for the Blind Booklets..

The American Foundation for the Blind has published two new large print booklets to help visually impaired older adults lead full, active lives. "Aging and Vision: Making the Most of Impaired Vision" and "Fitness for the Aging Adult With Visual Impairment: An Exercise and Resource Manual" offer tips from home improvement to fitness and exercise. Single copies of Aging and Vision are free. "Fitness" is an 84 page book at $7. To order, write Publications and Information Services, Dept. AVF, American Foundation for the Blind, 15 West 16th Street, New York, NY. 10011.

Kelly Haney is Candidate For State Senate, Dist. 50

By Helen Chalakee

Enoch Kelly Haney

Enoch Kelly Haney, Creek-Seminole, is one politican who knows what the Indian vote means. It helped elect him into the State House of Representatives and he is now counting on the Indian vote, again, to help seat him in the State Senate for District 50.

Oklahoma Indians need Kelly in that position. As he often states, "I work for the good of the state and that is my first responsibility; but I also keep in mind what is good for the Indian people when working with the legislative system."

While in the House of Representatives, Kelly introduced legislation calling for a government-to-government relationship between the state of Oklahoma and the 39 Oklahoma tribal governments. He described the legislation as putting tribes on equal footing with the state, especially when dealing with state agencies. He said the legislation could eliminate conflict that not ought to be. "The legislation, HB 1199 passed the House and got knocked down in the Senate. He hopes as a Senator he can create a better understanding of the much needed legislation.

Kelly has served as a member of the Seminole tribal council and as a tribal manager and planner. He was principal author of the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act which enables tribal governments to intervene in the placement of Indian children in foster care and adoption cases so the children will not lose their Indian identity.

Recently, the United Indian Nations in Oklahoma (UINO) made an endorsement for Kelly Haney for the State Senate and are urging all Indian people in his district to vote for Haney on August 26.

OK Indians VOTE!

EDITORIAL:
Divide & Conquer Tactic Used By I.H.S.

Bv Sue Creekmore Ward, Mounds, Oklahoma

A shameful history is about to repeat itself with the Department of Human Services proposing to eliminate lesser degree American Indians from health care facilities. They are employing the sȧme "divide and conquer" tactic which has prevailed anytime the Indian Nations have shown either a physical or political strength: nation against nation, tribe against tribe, warrior against farmer. Now the government seems determined to wipe out the only recently HARD WON political unity and pride in heritage, by pitting the full bloods against the mixed bloods.

A history of broken treaties, illegal theft, and immoral treatment causes me to wonder how our U.S.of A. would have survived had our government (sanctioned by the people) treated other world allies in the manner they continue to treat the sovereign Indian Nations. Defeated enemies such as Japan and Germany receive the billions in foreign aid - our governments are now being told by the federal government once again, who can and who cannot be an Indian by "their" determination, as well as where we can live and who our children should marry in order to legally exist within our tribal heritage. The result is arbitrarily relegating a vast number of proud American Indians to just additional welfare recipients for Oklahoma state taxpayers to provide care for in an already depressed economy.

If allowed, the proposed action will wipe out some of the smaller nations and over 70% of the Cherokee Nation alone, who are only one example of mixed blood generations building toward tribal financial independence thru industry and education.

The land and rivers cannot be returned as with Germany and Japan; the previously broken treaties providing health care as payment are ignored, but, please, lets at least allow our Indian tribes to decide for THEMSELVES who are and are not "Indians". So, in the language of my people, I say to all my brothers and sisters of all tribes: STY U (be strong).

PRINCIPAL CHIEF COX recently reported the noon news for radio station KDLB when the station located in Henryetta turned over their facilities to Creek Nation for the day!

Creek Nation's "Day on the Radio" a Success Inspite of Power Failure Due to Lightning

Until lightning struck the transmitter tower late in the day, the air waves over Creek Nation were blanketed with 500 watts of power from Henryetta radio station KDLB AM 1590, as Creek Nation had their "Day-on-the-Radio." This experiment in broadcast programming was termed a success in spite of being knocked off the air at 3:00 p.m. on August 5th, the day of the broadcast, as a line of thunderstorms moved through the area.

CN staff, under the coordination of George Tiger, CN employee and weekend D.J. for the station, enjoyed an entertaining and informative day at the station, doing various broadcasts. Tiger was assisted on programming and the technical operation of the broadcasts by Gary Robinson, CN Communications Specialist and CN Summer Youth workers, Eric Tiger and Steve Pigeon.

The idea for the innovative departure from the station's usual format of playing hits from the 50's, 60's and 70's was conceived by station General Manager, Larry Fisher and coordinated by George Tiger. "Our Creek Nation's "Day on-the-Radio" was designed to be both entertaining for the participants and listeners as well - informative in that we hoped to make the community more aware of the function of the Creek Nation tribal government and our history and culture," Tiger said, adding that most of what the community knows about Indians and Creek Nation is stereotyped. "We just wish to let the community know that we are professional people and that our Creek way of life and our traditions are important to us and that we have a lot to contribute to the community."

From a station manager's point of view, Fisher explained why he thought Creek Nation's being a part of his radio broadcasts was a great idea - "We feel that Creek Nation is a vital part of the Community and that they have a lot to offer to this community and to the state as well. Besides that, we are good neighbors - but from an economic standpoint, a lot of revenue comes into this community simply because Creek Nation is here - and that's good for us and good for everyone." Creek Nation is the third largest employer in Okmulgee County and one-tenth (or 4,000 people) of the County's population is Creek.

In the spirit of the day, Principal Chief Cox joined with other CN employees in doing broadcasts at the station - he did the noon news. CN Communications Manager, Helen Chalakee, served as Weather Person and Melinda Taryole, the 1986 Creek Nation Princess, did a news brief. Second Chief Perry Beaver, had to cancel his Sports Cast debut, due to the power failure.

Interspersed with the regular programming of the station, were short, pre-recorded spots on Creek history, culture, religion and tribal programs, that not only were enlightening for non-Indian listeners, but were informative for Creek listeners as well - another of the goals of Creek Nation's opportunity to be on the radio, according to D.J. Tiger.

Because of FCC de-regulations of radio broadcasting, radio stations (with the exception of KDLB) are now less inclined to feel that they need to serve the minorities within their broadcast community. Creek Nation's day on the radio was an opportunity for the tribal government to get out much-needed information to the public and an even greater opportunity for the community-at-large to be made aware of the vital influence that the state's sovereign Indian governments have on the cultural, economic and politics of Oklahoma.

Ocmulgee National Monument Preserves Muscogee History

By Kathryn Bell

Jutting into the blue sky of the Macon Plateau, the Great Temple Mound is an impressive sight to behold. One can almost feel the spiritual vibrations of this ancient land of the Muscogee people whose roots are buried deep within the Georgia earth.

The Great Temple Mound and the lesser Mounds are located in Ocmulgee National Monument grounds outside of Atlanta - the last citadels of the vast Muskogean enduring citadels of the Mississipian Indian (predating the Muskogean era) empire that flourished in the Mississipian Period from AD 900 to AD 1200. Some of the flat-topped mounds, such as the Funeral Mound at the Ocmulgee Monument, were used in ancient culture for the elaborate burials of the Mississipian people.

The Great Temple Mound was the primary religious structure of the Muskogean people who masterfully constructed it and others like it, over a long period of time, using basketful by basketful of Georgia clay.

Also located at the Ocmulgee National Monument grounds is an authentic reconstruction of the ceremonial site of the early Muscogee people - the Earthlodge, from which our Creek Nation Complex Mound Building, was patterned. The domed ceremonial Earthlodge was used around 1016 and was constructed of clay, wood and cane. The Earthlodge served as a meeting place to discuss the political, social and spiritual affairs of the tribe. This type of building was also one of the earliest public buildings in North America.

Inside the Earthlodge, the headsmen and warriors from many villages met to discuss affairs pertaining to the welfare of the people - gathering before the sacred fire, the three priests seated on the bird effigy platform located in the center of the building, to preside over the ceremonies which were mostly held in the winter. The summer months were spent in farming the fertile Georgia earth, for the Muscogee people were expert farmers.

Inside the Earthlodge, which resembles an ancient amphitheater, there are 47 seats that become wider and rise slightly, one above the other, on a circular clay bench. The older or more important people would set in the higher, wider seats.

As part of the ceremony, conducted in the Earthlodge, the black drink, (made of dried leaves of the cassena holly mixed with willow bark and buttonsnake root) was served from a large clay pot to those assembled inside to cleanse and purify during the ceremony.

Scientists believe the original Earthlodge was destroyed by fire about 1,000 AD. They believe that it was destroyed on purpose, but have never determined the reason for it's destruction.

The Mississipian culture left the Plateau area around 1200 AD. Next, the Lamar culture, a blending of the Mississipian and Woodland elements, settled the area - farming, hunting, and building more mounds. These were the Indians that Hernando DeSoto encountered in 1540 on the first European expedition to this region. They set up trading posts at Ocmulgee around 1690. The Creeks then settled that area in large numbers and built a large town at the site to take advantage of trade with the British. But the fighting with the English and Spanish colonials which enflamed the area, soon found the site abandoned once more. Soon only the temple mounds and a few isolated ceremonial sites would remain of the spiritual core of the Muscogee people, as the government removal policies would force the Creek people in the 1800's to leave their ancestral home on a death march of thousands miles on the Trail of Tears for Indian Territory in Oklahoma.

The Ocmulgee National Monument, in addition to the Great Temple Mound, Dunlap Mound, McDougal Mound, Cornfield Mound, Southeast Mound, Lesser Temple Mound and the Funeral Mound, and the Earthlodge, also contains prehistoric trenches, trading post ruins, Opelofa Nature Trail, which winds around the swampy lowlands of the Ocmulgee River.

Five Tribes Museum Schedules 20th Annual Art Competition Show

The 20th Annual Five Civilized Tribes Museum Art Competition sponsored by Fort Howard Paper Co. is set for September 20-October 14.

The Five Civilized Tribes Museum established this competition to further the Museum's purpose which is to preserve and to promote interest in the tratitions, histories, and cultures of the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw, Creek and Seminole tribes.

Through the exhibition in Indian paintings, woodcarving and sculpture the museum encourages development of talents, increases appreciation for the genius of the Indian art work, and spread awareness of the influential part of the Five Civilized Tribes of Oklahoma and America.

Cash awards will be given in two categories, painting and sculpture. A Grand Award of $500 is given to the work of art judged most superior in technique and interpretation of Indian heritage.

The Indian Heritage Awards of $100 are presented to works of art entered within the five tribal divisions. A Grand Heritage Award of $250 is also given.

Judging is based upon (1) appropreiateness of the subject matter, (2) historical accuracy, (3) appreciation and understanding of tribal heritage as reflected in the work of art; and (4) merit of the entry as a work of art.

The Traditional Indian Art Award of $250 was established to reaffirm the principals upon which the Museum was founded.

Members of any of the Five Civilized Tribes by blood are eligible to enter this art competition and to compete for awards. If one is a member of more than one of the five tribes, they must choose the tribe under which they wish to enter for the Heritage Award.

A reception and awards presentation for artists and special guests will be held September 20. For more information contact the Five Civilized Tribes Museum, Agency Hill, Muskogee OK 74401 or call 918/683-1701.

Tallahassee Grounds Hold Green Corn

The Pecan Tallahassee Ceremonial grounds held its Annual Green Corn Dance, July 18, 1986. Friday night was the Ribbon Dance followed by Saturdays, Feather Dance and Long Dance, then on Sunday the traditional stickball game was played.

Sam Procter, Speaker for the grounds commented on the turn out, "We had an attendance of around 600 people including, members and the surrounding visitors". "We also had visitors from out of state, the Poarch Band Creeks from Atmore Alabama, who shared in the Green Corn Ceremony, and Mississippi Choctaws from Memphis, Tennessee." Sam also mentioned, "In the month of August we will be having our "Fall Dance" and we welcome all to come and join us, on Friday night of the dance, those ladies wanting to practice or currently learning to shellshake are welcome to come and join in that night and also those *interested in leading the stompdance* will also be invited to come and practice." For further information on the date of the "Fall Dance" you can contact Sam Procter, Hanna Oklahoma.

Indian Health Center Needs Your Unkeen Cars

We will take any car-Keen or not. If it doesn't run, we will tow free. All you need to do is have a free and clear title to the automobile and call Indian Health Care Resource Center (918) 582-7225, ext 23. We will tow the car free of charge within 100 miles of Tulsa, Oklahoma. You claim the amount the car is worth as a tax deduction on your income tax. Proceeds from the sale of the car go to benefit the Tulsa Indian Community by providing direct medical and mental health services. Help Tulsa by cleaning out your garage. Call Indian Health Care Resource Center today.

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New Video Tapes Produced by CN Communications

The Creek Nation Communications Dept. has recently released two new videotapes according to Gary Robinson, communication specialist. The tapes are: Turtle Shells-a 25 minute cultural tape, narrated by Dr. Ruth Arrington, on the traditional art of making turtle shells leg rattles for the women stompdancers, demonstrated by Christine Henneha of Nuyaka Ceremonial Ground. Christine, of the Castle community, is one of the few who has the knowledge and skill to create these unique ceremonial instruments; the other tape is entitled "Broken Journey," a 27-minute preventive education tape on the grim realities of prison life discussed with four Indian inmates and a prison guard. The tape's focus is on the role that alcohol and drug abuse has played in the incarceration of our Native American people - and is primarily targeted for Indian youth.

There are currently 16 videotapes that have been produced by the Creek Nation Communications Dept. on Creek history, government, culture, traditions and other Creek-related topics. For a complete list, contact Gary Robinson of the CN Communications Dept.

Joe Jackson Completes 22 Years-

Master Sergeant Joe Jackson is congratulated by Chief Cox for completing 22 years of military service with the United States Air Force on July 31. Sergeant Jackson is full blood Creek and a graduate of Chilocco Indian School. He was born in Hanna, the son of the late Timmie and Louella Jackson. Joe entered the Air Force in May 1964 and has served overseas tours in England, Vietnam and West Berlin, Germany. He completed his military career with the 552nd Airborn Warning and Control Division at Tinker AFB. Joe has five daughters, Sheila, Sharlene, Mava, Lora and Lisa. He is married to the former Flora Carpitcher, daughter of the late Melissa Lindsey of Oklahoma.

Evangelist Best Preaches the Gospel To the American Indians. . .

> *"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. They that wait upon the lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."*
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> *-Isaiah 49:31*

There are times when life becomes very difficult. Our burdens seem almost too heavy to bear. We feel as if we are looking down a tunnel and there is no light at the end. We become so discouraged we are near to despair. It there no way out? Are there no answers? The answers are in the word of God. The way out is with the Lord, as we place our hand in his and He leads us through.

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee, and through the rivers; they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee," Isaiah 43:2.

"Wait upon the Lord, patiently." Tribulation worketh patience; patience experience, and experience with our Lord gives that calm assuirance that He is there. He knows what is going on. He is in control. He will bring us out, accomplishing in our lives His purpose, and that is to conform us to the image of His Son. "We went through fire and through water; but thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place." Psalms 66:12. Amen. Precious promise! And we, like Abraham, are fully persuaded that, what He promised, He is able to perform. He has proved himself many times to us.

We spent the month of July with the Chippewa of Minnesota. We had from one to five meetings on each of the following reservations: Mille Lac, east and west, Boy River, Cass Lake, Net Lake, and Fond du Lac. We met many new friends and fellowshipped with old ones. The Lord blessed in the meetings. One man accepted the Lord as his Savior, and others came for prayer and rededication of their lives. We then taught and preached in a family camp at Camp Greenhill. There was a good attendance from the above reservations, and many from the Red Lake reservations , as well as, from Minneapolis and Duluth.

We had a great time of fellowship. The Lord blessed with his presence. We really experienced the outpouring of His Spirit on the last service on Sunday morning. Many people responded to the invitation to get their lives right with the Lord. Praise God!

We are now going into Wisconsin for the month of August. We ask that you pray for the continued moving of the Spirit of God on the hearts of people. Also, please prary for those who are working with the Indian people in these areas. Thank you so much for your fellowship in this ministry through your prayers and financial support.

Your Missionaries to the North American Indians
Brother Ernest and Bennie Best

MNN NOTE: Contributions and offerings may be sent to Brother Best at P.O. Box 31, Eufaula, Oklahoma. Phone 918/689-7880.

Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women Elect New President, Welcome Guests

By Ethel Torres

The Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women now has 98 members from all over the state. Eunice Wildcat of Tulsa is membership chairman.

Mary Crow-Bartlesville-ways and means comm. chairmans stated a collection is being made for raffles and sales items, to raise funds for the many philanthropic interests of the Federation.

Nominating Comm. is Mamie Echohawk from Hominy, Florence Tims from Oklahoma City, and Ruth James from Ft.Gibson. The ballots distributed resulted in a New President, Nancy Tsoodle Hutchinson, Stillwater, 1st Vice-President, Sally Farley Bartlesville, 2nd Vice-President and Membership Chairman, Eunice Wildcat Tulsa, Secretary, Kathleen Crawford Norman, Treasurer, Helen Chupco Muskogee.

Mary McCormick, a very excellent president gave her farewell address,and many accomplishments this past year. All outgoing officers will receive Certificates of Honor, Chairmen of Committee and present Miss Indian Oklahoma. It was suggested that a Feather Pen be presented to Teresa Shoemaker-Tahlequah, current "Miss Indian Oklahoma," Jr. Miss Rebecca Hamilton, Pawnee Okla at the afternoon reception being held for Teresa Shomaker at the Shawnee Holiday Inn, also Audrey Barnett, the former Miss Indian Oklahoma.

No applications have been filed for the Okla. University Scholarship available by the Education Committee chaired by Gwen Wilburn of the Federation.

The members passed the hat to help support Nancy Steward in her run for Miss Okla Co-Ed.

The Federation elected to support Haskell in their bid to keep the Indian Jr. College under BIA jurisdiction, instead of being governed by a board appointed by the United States President seating two Senators.

Audrey Barnett, has presented an 11 page traveling schedule kept in this years reign as "Miss Indian Oklahoma". Audrey still has many committments scheduled. Teresa Shoemaker, Cherokee, Tahlequah, will reign through 1986.

When the 1985 Chilocco Hall of Fame recepients were guests of the Federation at Shawnee's Holiday Inn. Each was asked to share some experiences and words of wisdom to be taped and available for the Feds later reference. Each receipient received a certificate of recognition and a silver feather pin.

The board meeting in Stillwater was chaired July 26 by the new officers. It has been a wonderful two years by yours truly, serving with people whose pleasure was in serving wherever they could , to promote recognition of the accomplishments of Indians in our state.

Dawn Beaver Awarded 'Girl Scout Silver Award'

Dawn Beaver, Creek, was awarded the "Girl Scout Silver Award", in a ceremony of the Ponchatoula, Louisiana Community Center.

The Silver Award is the highest award available to a Cadet Girl Scout. It is the second highest award in girl scouting, the result of three years on four stages of girl scout program. Dawn has been a girl scout for five years.

Dawn is 14 years old and the daughter of Milo and Barbara Beaver of Ponchatoula, Louisiana, and the Grandaughter of the late Amos and Stella Beaver of Broken Arrow, Okla, also, the great-grandaughter of Jeanetta Haikey.

11th Annual Indian Baptist Association Meeting Held in July

By Ethel Torres

The Indian Baptist Assembly held their 11th Annual Meeting in July at the Muscogee-Seminole-Wichita Indian Baptist Assembly Ground about 7 miles south of Henryetta off Lake Road. With their 1986 theme, "Bringing Together Evangelism and Missions."

Camp Pastor and missionary were Russell and Helen Begaye. Camp Director was George Jesse, Sasakwa; Assistant was Jim Kerr; Secretary was Geneva Colbert, Eufaula; Assistant Sharron Burgess, Treasurer; Bertha Yahola, Wetumka, Music director - Millie Colbert-Eufaula, Pianist - Mitchell Beaver; Activities Director - Rev. Bridge Chuckluck-Okmulgee, caretaker - Roley Frye.

Russell Begaye gave the Welcome Message on opening night.

The morning devotion at 6:30 am started each day, with Bible Study for all ages starting at 8:30 a.m. with teachers Russell, Susie Factor, Tommy Johnson, Randy Colbert, Carolyn Wilbanks, Paula Hawkins, and Sharron Burgess. 9:30 am started class study hour with teachers Vernon Harjo, Allen Colbert, Gary Hawkins, Linda Chuckluck, Mary J. Tiger, and Mabel McNac. Mission emphasis by Helen Begaye was held at both 10:45 am and 2:20 pm. The message was brought nightly at 7:30 pm by Russell Begaye with many working members and visitors attending. Many camps were open and the youth dormitory full. Annual Association will start August 13.

Notice of Public Sale: Creek Nation Surplus Property

Closed bids will be accepted until September 29, 10:00 a.m. by Creek Nation on items which have been declared as surplus by the tribe. This sale is in accordance with NCA 83-17, an ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, providing procedure for the disposal of surplus tribal property. Creek Nation reserves the right to reject all or any bids and final approval will be made by Principal Chief Cox. All items are listed by number and can be inspected during regular working hours at the Creek Nation Aztec building located on Eufaula Street at the south end of the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

The bids should be in a sealed envelop and mailed to: Creek Nation, Surplus Sale, Attention: Bob Parks, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447. The bid should include: the amount, the bidder's address and telephone number, and the number and description of the item being bid on. Bids will be opened September 29, 10:00 a.m., 1986 and paid for by cash or a cashier's check made out to Creek Nation. For more information contact Bob Park, 918/756-8700.

ITEM	ID TAG	DESCRIPTION	SERIAL
001		Tommy Lift for 2 ton truck	
002		Cattle Head Gate	
003		Tappan Gas Range	
004	1043	Conference Desk (wood)	
005	699	Desk, double pedestal	
006	678	12 HP 6 Speed Tractor/Mower	91725330
007		Telephone system/ 95 phones	
008		Vent-a-hood	
009	880	IBM Selectric II Typewriter	26-3109094
010		3 Data Racks (beige)	
011	749	4 Drawer Lateral File	
012		30 Bags of Portland Cement (30)	
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025	650	TI Calculator, Mdl TI-5100	8238804
026		Sharp Calculator Mdl EL-1163	70066768
027		Laboratory & Vanity	
028		Chair, w/arms, Blue	
029		Chair, Rotary w/arms, Black	
030		Chair, Rotary w/arms, Wood	
031		Chair, Rotary w/arms, Black	
032		Chair, Secretary, Yellow fabric	
033	697	Desk, Secretary Unit (Gray)	
034		Gestetner, Stencil Machine	26Bo403
035		3 Drawer Cabinet, Beige	
036		Copier, Savin MDL 230	207823
037		Gestefex Mdl 454 Mark II	59614
038		Holbro Folding Staff	
039		Chair, Rotary w/arm, Green	
040	652	Drill, Press, Sears	1P9679
041		Rockwell Band Saw	
042		Chair, Rotary w/arms	
043		Chair, Orange	
044		Chair, Red, Straight Back	
045		Chair, w/o arms, Green	
046		Chair, w/arms, Black, Rotary	
047		Chair, w/o arms, Green	
048	1021	NCR Cash Register, Electronic	SN 32-14297007
049		Calf Roping Chute	
050		Chair, Rotary w/arms, Black	
051		Metal Table, Welding	
052		Metal Table, Welding	
053	1009	Gasoline Truck, GMC	VIN TCE614V560172
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085		School Desk	
086		Sewing Machine, Singer, Portable	
087		Unisonic SL-1246	30609156
088		Chair, Rotary w/arms, Black	
089		Credenza, Gray	
090		Credenza, Gray, 2 Drawer	
091		Credenza, Gray	
092		Credenza, Gray, 3 Drawer	
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103		Box of Misc Office Supplies & Trays	
104		Mitre Saw Box w/o Saw	
105	681	Insulation Blower	
106	683	Table Saw, Sears	11324181
107	684	Cement Mixer, Sears	713-7537
108	1022	Texlon 176	
109	671	Sears, Airless Spray Gun w/o Gun	
110	879	Overhead Projector	
111	873	Seal Compress	083453
112		GE Washer	
113		Laboratory & Vanity	
114		Toilet	
115		Laboratory & Vanity	
116		Kitchen Sink	
117		Laboratory	
118		Laboratory	
119		Kitchen Sink	
120	1215	Canon Copier	015008
121		Copier, Savin	
122		Desk, Double Pedestal	
123		Desk, Executive Double Pedestal Desk	
124		Desk, Double Pedestal	
125		Secretarial Unit	
126		Auger	
127	569	Silage Wagon, John Deere	80716002329W
128	1065	Silage Wagon, John Deere	80716002819W
129	559	Silage Cutter, New Holland	MDL 718
130	902	Peanut Digger Lilliston	2649
131	981	Peanut Combine MDL 550	7455
132	575	New Holland 851 Round Baler	534299
133		Truck Bed, 78 Ford	
134		Truck Bed, 78 Chevy, Dully Bed	
135		Freezer - Chest, Frigidaire, 21 Cubic	
136		Refrigerator, Admiral	
137		Midland Pasture Dream	12152
138		International Cycle Mower	
139	1037	3 Door Medium Upright Cooler	82FO-3998-030
140	1036	3 Door Medium Upright Cooler	82FO-2819-030
141		Steel Porclien Sink	
142		Master B660 Space Heater	
143		Master B1500 Space Heater	
144		Office Machine Table, Tan	
145		Metal 5 Shelves Racks	
146		Metal Rack - 5 Shelves	
147		At-A-Glance Display	
148-157		Box of Chrome Recess Soap & Grab	
158-173		Box of Office Supplies	
174-189		Box of Misc Tools & Supplies	
190-212		Chimney Support	
213-274		Chimney All Fuel Flue Pipe	
275-367		Windows, Aluminium	
368-390		Screen & Storm Door	
391-407		Wood Windows	
408		Bookcase, 5 Shelves	
409		Bookcase, 5 Shelves	

Okemah Indian Community...

Okemah Indian Community held their regular monthly meeting, July 7, 1986 at the Amy Hill home, Okemah, Okla. (volunteers home) The meeting was opened by Chairman Frances Lowe.

All officers of the community gave their reports, motions were accepted and approved. Unfinished business: Constitution/By-Laws, recieved a letter from Bunny Hill, that the Constitution had been sent to Chief Cox for final approval. Other discussions in the meeting on fund raising projects, need to start raising funds for the meeting, other discussions were to be looking for a place for the center when the Constitution is passed. The next meeting place will be Aug 4th at Frances Lowe's home, location, 113 So. 10th, Okemah, Okla. (will notify if there is any changes for meeting place).

Would also like for all members and whoever is interested to come to the meeting and help build up the community in this area. We need your help and support for the Indians in your area.

A meeting was held July 14, 1986, in the home of Amy Hill. The discussion of having an Indian Taco Sale for one of the fund raisers was the topic. For more information on this contact, Frances Lowe-Chairman (918) 623-2282.

Indian Baptists Met At Falls Creek Camp

The theme for this year's Indian Falls Creek at the Oklahoma Baptist General Assembly grounds at Davis was "Reaching Indians for Christ". Camp pastor was Richard Pickup and music director was Tyron Smith. Ira Pisachubbe, pastor of Bowen Church in Tulsa was camp director.

Reverend Jimmy Anderson, Oklahoma Indian Church Developer from Shawnee has taken an active part in the newly organized Native American Southern Baptist Fellowship (NASBF). In May, the officers and regional leaders met in Oklahoma City for a planning and training session for the June 1987 program in St. Louis, Mo.

The Reverend and Mrs. Ballard White of Eagle Butte, S.D., report their work has been going well, despite one of their worse winters in 50 years.

The Reverend Harold Helney reports several churchs from different states are bringing vacation bible school teams to help in the summer programs. The Helneys brought a group of about 25 to Falls Creek for the Indian Assembly from the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

An advisory council for Indian youth in North America was formed.

Note of Appreciation

Our family sincerely Thanks and Appreciates the many expressions of love and concern shown at the loss of our loved one, Emma Hully Scott. We are truly grateful for your prayers, visits, calls, cards, flowers, food and donating.

Maxine Harjo and family
Anna Spaniard and family

Region 8 Rodeo News

By Rita Williams

Bob Davis, Creek, serves as Secretary of the Oklahoma Region Eight All-Indian Rodeo Association. Bob has held the position of Secretary and Treasurer since 1977 and the association started in 1975. The region takes in various states as Texas, Kansas, Arkansas and other states east of Oklahoma. Bob commented on the region," The region has progressed and finished one of the most successful years as far as the prize money and members of Region Eight are concerned," "the membership is pretty much substantial and I feel that its on solid footing," he went on to say, "its time for skilled and capable members who have the vision to make it a better rodeo association, to be involved and keep Region Eight one of the top regions out of the nine regions involved." The region has elected officers and directors who are knowledgable and talented in their offices, they are; President-Jack Foreman-Cherokee, Vice-President-Matt Fowler-Cherokee, Sec/Treas.-Bob Davis-Lisa Hamilton-both Creek, Sargeant-at-arms-W.J. Scott-Creek. The directors of each event are: Bareback director-Tom Osborn-Creek, Calf-Roping director-Pepper Morgan-Comanche, Team Roping director-Paul Lee Foreman-Cherokee, Barrel Racing director-Shea Bickford-Choctaw, Steer-Wrestling director-Tom Botone-Kiowa and Bull Riding director-Winfred Going-Choctaw.

The purpose of the Region Eight Association is to be the host to, All-Indian Rodeos in the Oklahoma region and to inform all committees sanctioning with the region of the regulations that are involved according to the associations by-laws. All contestants wanting to enter an Indian Rodeo must show their CDIB card, or belong to an Indian Region Association. For that contestant to qualify and ride in the Region Eight Finals, held in Tahlequah this year, they must ride in four All-Indian Rodeos sanctioned by the Region Eight. After the Region Eight Finals, there will be two contestants qualifying to go on to the Indian National Final this year at Albuquerque, N.M., in each respective event. The contestants qualifying must first: be the top money winner of the year or the winner of the average at the Region 8 Finals in Tahlequah. If average winner at Tahlequah is the top winner for the year,, the top two money winners for the year will be the representatives.

Recently, Bob Davis has gained an assistant during the final months of his term, Lisa Hamilton, Creek, of Beggs, Okla. Lisa was the Creek Nation Rodeo Club Queen in the year of 77-78. Bob stated, "I feel very confident in my assistants ability and talent to function in this role after this year." "My interest in the region will still carry on and I will be a candidate for the Sargeant-at-arms office

Each year the INFR Commission nominates an Indian Rodeo man of th year, at the Indian National Finals. Davis was honored with this title in 1983. Even aside from Davis's official duties in the business of the association. he has served as Treasurer for the Creek Nation Rodeo Club for two years. He has currently been elected as Vice-President for the next year.

Davis is also active in the government of the Muscogee Creek Tribe, having served as Controller of the Creek Nation since the year of 1980, when he took the office after the death of the late Vice-Chief, Solomon McCombs. At that time Davis was appointed into office by Chief Cox. He also serves as a member of the Inter-Tribal Council along with Nettie Scott. Bob is also serving in civic duties as well, as a board member of the Rural Water Dist No.4 in Wagoner County.

Bob is married to Janis Davis formerly Larimore of Dewar, Okla. The Davis's make their home in Broken Arrow, Okla. They have two daughters, Robyn Dill of Broken Arrow, Okla and Jill Tucker of Hinton, Okla and they are the proud grandparents of one grandson, David Dill.

Bob is the son of the late Alice Washington Davis and Marshall Davis of Henryetta, Okla.

Two Seminole Youth Die in Home Fire

Jesse Talamasey, 15, and his 2 year old nephew, Jacky Dale Gorsuch, Jr. died in a fire August 3 at their home in faulty extension cord connected to an air conditioning unit in their home in Seminole.

A joint funeral service was held August 6 at Mekusukey Baptist Church with the Reverend Bill Barnett officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery, southeast of Bowlegs.

Jacky was born April 4, 1984. His parents are Phena Talamasey and Jacky Dale Gorsuch, Sr.

Jesse Dewayne Talmasey was born May 25, 1971. He had lived in Seminole all his life. Survivors include his mother, Carolyn Talmasey, Seminole; his father, Andrew Talmasey of Bowlegs; and three sisters, Phena, the mother of Jacky, Madilyn and Andi Dawn, all of Seminole. Pallbearers were Jay Golden, Wayne Pebworth, Shelby Barber, Billy Haynes, Hershel Wise and Laurance Conway.

JUSTIN LEE FIELDS

Services were held Wednesday night for Justin Lee Fields, son of Fleshman Fields Jr. and Lois Jean Harjo, at the Buckley Funeral Home in Weleetka, Okla.

Funeral services were held July 17, 1986 at 2 p.m., at the Buckley Funeral Home conducted by Rev. Bill Hobia. Burial was at the Salt Creek Indian Cemetery.

Justin was born July 15, 1986, at the Oklahoma Memorial Hospital, at 5:45 a.m., and died upon arrival of birth.

Other survivors includes two brothers, Kevin and James Harjo, grandmother, Ella Van Meter of Henryetta, four uncles and three aunts and the grandson of the late Henry and Judy Harjo.

—OBITUARIES—

JOHNNY McNAC

Funeral services for Johnny Mc Nac Tribal Chief for the Nuyaka Ceremonial grounds for the past several generations, passed away on July 8, 1986 at the Bristow hospital.

His services were held at 2 p.m., on Friday July 11, 1986 at his home 9 miles N.W. of Bristow,Okla where he was laid to rest. Rev. Roley Haynes of Weleetka officiated the services.

Born February 4, 1986 in Indian Territory at Senora in Henryetta, Okla. He was ordained as a Deacon in 1929 at the Baptist Hickory grounds. Later in years he was made "Chief" for his tribal ground.

Mr. Mc Nac lived in the Bristow area for 50 years, where he left his survivors, which included, his widow, Weetsie McNac of the home, two sons, George McNac of Okemah,Okla and Amos McNac of Bristow and two half-sisters, Fannie Buckley, Clearview, Okla and Katie Edmondson of Elk City,Okla and six grandchildren.

EMMA HULLY SCOTT

Funeral services were held June 16 at Thlopthlocco United Methodist church for Emma Hully Scott. Rev James Yeager officiated at the services.

Mrs. Scott was born May 26, 1894 in Indian Territory and died June 12 in Creek Nation hospital at the age of 92. She attended Euchee Boarding school in Sapulpa and was married to Tom Scott. He preceded her in death in 1960. *She was a long time member* and held numerous offices at Thlopthlocco United Methodist church.

Survivors include two daughters, Maxine Harjo of Wetumka and Anna Spaniard of Okmulgee; a foster daughter, Mildred Caldwell of Wetumka; two nephews; one niece; six grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Thlopthlocco United Methodist church cemetery

VIRGINIA THOMAS

Virginia W. Thomas, 77 year-old resident of Okmulgee, died in Tulsa on Monday, August 11. She was born December 10, 1908 in Dustin, and married Eddie Thomas in November 1926 in Sapulpa. Mrs. Thomas served on the Creek Nation Consititution Committee helping draft the 1979 Muscogee (Creek) Constitution which enabled the tribe to become federally recognized by the U.S. Government. Later, she served as parlimentarian for the Muscogee National Council. She was retired from teaching in the Bowie High School in El Paso, Texas, where she taught for 32 years.

She was preceeded in death by her husband and also her son, Barton Thomas. Survivors include two brothers, John (Tom) Watson of Dustin and Dave Watson of Marshing, Idaho; a sister, Hattie Wallis of Bristow and four grandchildren.

Services were held August 14 at the Shurden Chapel with the Reverend Luke McIntosh officiating. Interment was in the Wiley-Watson Cemetery.

EDITORIAL:

Indian Voting Blocks Can Win Elections!

The following article was written be Scott Draughon, Cherokee, a Tulsa attorney who is a financial advisor for small business firms owned by socially and economic disadvantaged persons. He is concerned about the future of Indian identity and sovereignity. Draughon serves on the advisory board for the Oklahoma Tribal Assistance Program, the Young Women's christian Assn., and the Tulsa Business Development Center.

American's celebrated open arms' policy of recognizing the personhood of its minorities/immigrants by extending the right to vote and maintaining a non-discriminatory population count has been denied to its original peoples--the Native Americans. This pattern of non-recognition is changing as a majority of Oklahoma's federally recognized Indian tribes (representing 25 nations) joined together in 1985, to form United Indian Nations in Oklahoma (UINO) to preserve member tribes' rights and provide for a collective effort in exerting tribal government authority.

The two major obstacles to equal opportunity for Native Americans have been the denial of the unrestricted right to vote and the federally imposed concept of degree of blood.

Whereas other minorities received the "Right" to vote in the 1860's, Indians were not "given" American citizenship and the "right" to vote until an Act of Congress of 1924, and voting rights in New Mexico and Arizona were denied until 1958.

Like many ethnic/racial groups, Native Americans married 'outsiders', and diluted their "degree of Indian blood". It is common to have the minority status of American Indians questioned--particularily those 'who do not look like Indians' (eg., brown/black hair and eyes) or who do not have an Indian name, such as Running Fox or Ghost Bear--by requiring verification of lineage (which means tracing the family line to the Indian ancestor). This policy is applied to only one minority--the American Indian.

Does this mean that minority status is verifiable solely by physical appearance? If so, this position is inconsistent with the late Rev. Martin Luther King's "dream of living in a nation where his four children would not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character." Current population surveys recorded by the Census Bureau on voter registration are based on skin color (that is, black or white), rather than national origin--a non-visual standard.

Prior ro statehood, over 805 of Oklahoma's population was of American Indian descent. According to the 1980 census, Native Americans comprise 5.6% of our states population (and black Americans 6.8%). Its supplementary questionnaire was the first time American Indians were allowed to 'self-identity'- without indicating blood quantum. However, they remain the only minority that must show tribal affiliation. Tribal governmental entities conservatively estimate that 600,000 (almost 20%) of Oklahomans have some degree of 'Indian' blood, making them the majority minority group.

The dramatic impact of this situation is evident in the example of the swing vote of black Americans. Suddenly, when they 'talked', people listened--and many more obviously closed opportunities became open to them.

Helen Chalakee, communications manager for the Creek Nation, is the chairman of UINO's Voter Registration Committee, whose campaign slogan is "OK Indian VOTE". The focus is on issues, rather than political parties.

Great progress has been made in organizing sub-committees within tribes, identifying pre-existing registrars, in ensuring that each congressional district has a co-ordinator with tribal representatives, and in interfacing with the state election board; yet much remains to be accomplished. The initial goal is to elect a Native American representative on the board of each school with Indian students.

Citizens who wish to assist in protecting the future of Indian identity and sovereignity should contact Helen Chalakee, c/o UINO OK Indians VOTE, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447 or call her at 918/756-8700, extension 312.

In conclusion, the importance of joint efforts by Indian tribes, to assert strength and unity of purpose, is best illustrated by Tecumseh, the great Shawnee warrior. He took an arrow, and said this represents one tribe. Using only his hands, he snapped the arrow in two. Next, he took two arrows and joined them together, and struggled to bend and eventually broke them. Then, he followed the same procedure with three, four, and finally, a whole quiver of arrows. He could not break the bundle of arrows. Oklahoma's political leaders would do well to keep in mind that such arrows represent many uses/entities, including increasingly astute voters/voting blocks.

United Indian Nations in Oklahoma Host Candidate Forum in O.K.C.

By Helen Chalakee

OK Indians. . .its time to vote! For over a year now, all we've been talking is Indian voter registration, Indian political involvement and Indian political power. Now, all we have to do is go to the polls on August 26 primaries and do it.

If you still have not registered, please do so after the primary so you can vote in the general election. If you still think registering to vote subjects you to being called for jury duty, forget it! They now use a system with your driver's license number which involves calling people for duty.

One of the issues I almost always hear when talking with groups about voting is that they don't want to be involved because politics are so corrupt. My answer to that is, the more that honest people, like themselves become involved, the less likely is for dishonesty and corruption to prevail.

So listen well to what the candidates have to say. Question them about issues. Check them out-then vote your heartfelt convictions. You know what you want to see happen in this state and in your local areas, so go vote for the ones who you feel will accomplish the most in your way of thinking.

Later, when they are in office and you want them to listen to you about matters, just tell them you are a registered Indian voter and that you voted. Then, they will check you out with county election boards because they do listen to voters.

On July 17, the UINO Voter Registration Committee held a candidate forum in OKC I feel it was very successful. Lots of Indians attended from across the state and heard what the candidates had to say. Most of the candidates didn't know a great deal about our problems, but some of them were very willing to listen because they realized the potential of the Indian vote. None of the candidates or legislators have done that before! It was a good beginning for the UINO committee and it will get even better as we continue with our organizational efforts of political education for Indians and encouraging Indians to register and vote. Believe me, we have caught the attention, of candidates statewide.

OK Indians VOTE!

LINCOLN PLAZA
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Two candidates who spoke at the UINO's Candidate Forum held recently at the Lincoln Plaza were (top) David Walters who is running for the Governor's office. Lt. Gov. Spencer Bernard looks on awaiting his turn, and (bottom) Senator Bob Hopkins who is running for State Corporation Commission.

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I.H.S. Proposed 1/4 Eligibility Opposed!

JAMES FLOYD, CREEK NATION DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, RIGHT, IS SHOWN WITH TERENCE L.RICE, M.P.H. of the Oklahoma City IHS, at an Indian Health Eligibility meeting scheduled in Tulsa on August 20, to receive public comment on the controversial IHS proposal to limit health care services to Native Americans of one-quarter blood quantum. A Public Meeting to take oral and written testimony on the IHS proposal was held the next day at the Mound Building at Creek Nation.

By Kathryn Bell

A series of public meetings have been conducted this past month in the state to receive input on the Indian Health Care Services (IHS) proposal to limit access to health care for Native Americans less than one-quarter blood quantum.

A meeting was held at the Creek Nation Mound Building, August 21 to receive oral and written testimony and public input on the proposed IHS health care changes. James Floyd, Director of the Creek Nation's Community Services Division, which oversees the health care system for Creek Nation, commented on that meeting and the devastating effect the proposal will have, if passed on the health care programs for Creeks;

"We are pleased with the comments of the people that the rule should not be implemented due to the severe effect it's implementation would have on tribal health programs such as ours," Floyd said, adding that if the proposal passed as written, and subsequent funds withdrawn equal to the percentage of decrease in patient load, the Creek Nation Health Care delivery system would lose one and a quarter million dollars in operating funds for the first year.

"There just isn't any positive effect of this proposal on our health care system," said Floyd, urging Indians to submit written comment to Richard McCloskey, Chief Legislative person for IHS, at Indian Health Services, Rm 6A-20, Fisher's Lane, Rockville, Maryland, 20857 or calling 1-301-443-1116.

October 8 is the deadline for public comment and input on the IHS proposal.

Floyd's concern was voiced by those attending the Indian Health Eligibility Meeting in Tulsa on August 20.

Mack Bettis, Chairman of the Tulsa Indian Affairs Commission, denounced the IHS proposal during the Tulsa meeting, as being "racist, inhuman, government-sponsored genocide and apartheid. . ."

Bettis equated the IHS proposal with the U.S. racial action of herding Japanese-Americans into interment camps during WWII, regardless of blood or other national status of need "except with one large and unfair racial distinction - Japanese-Americans now have received special apologies and money, which the Federal Government has never considered for Indians "relocated" from reservations to city ghettos during the 1950's relocation period. If Indians accept this treatment now, they will forever seal the fate of their descendants to be ignored by law and relegate their heirs to the status of a race without citizenship and equality of their neighbor," concluded Bettis in a searing commentary against the IHS proposal.

Thomas B. Talamina, Service Unit Director and Administrator of the Claremore IHS Hospital, served as Coordinator of the Tulsa meeting. He said 55% of the people of the Claremore Service Unit (comprised of 13 northeast Oklahoma counties) will be adversely affected and would no longer be eligible for health services with the passage of the IHS proposal.

There are 55,000 Indians, mostly Creek and Cherokee, registered at the Claremore Hospital as patients, according to Talamina.

Oklahoma Congressmen James Jones and Mike Synar also offered testimony at the Tulsa hearing. Congressman Jones expressed strong opposition to the IHS proposal on the grounds that it will "drastically reduce or eliminate health care service to roughly 40 per cent of the Indians in Oklahoma. . ." Jones stated that the proposal put forth by the Department of Health and Human Services, was published after the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment reported that American Indians - numbering 1.4 million in the 1980 census and probably 1.6 million today - are in far worse health than the rest of the population, dying earlier and more afflicted by alcoholism, accidents, diabetes and pneumonia.

Because of this, Jones reported, IHS wants to limit Indian Health Care services to those people that are from federally recognized tribe, or one-quarter or more Indian ancestry and who reside within a designated health service delivery area. Those people who are not members of a federally recognized tribe, will have to prove they are at least one-half or more Indian.

Jones contends that with only seven hospitals and 26 clinics in Oklahoma operated by IHS, to serve 170,000 Indians living in the state - the hardships incurred by the health care changes will include many Indians having to travel great distances to an Indian health facility and that they will have to rely upon state services. "The Department of Health and Human Services contends that the proposed rules are a matter of fairness and budgetary necessity. I contend that the proposed rules are a matter of the Administration reducing it's commitment to Indian people," said Jones,

He rested his case against the IHS proposal in favor of tribal decision-making: "The determination of who is an Indian should be left up to the tribe. I hope this proposed health change in Indian Health Service is not an indication of future change in the Administration's view of Indians."

Congressman Mike Synar also voiced his opposition: "What I find most disgusting about this proposal is that it attempts to define, by rule, who is an "Indian" based on blood quantum. This reverses current U.S. policy to leave the decision about who is an Indian up to the tribes themselves."

Synar said the policy change would be devastating to the Northeast Congressional District which has the second largest Native American population in the U.S. "By my calculations, this would make approximately 100,000 Indians in Oklahoma, who now benefit from the services, ineligible for health care. The Administration argues the change will allow them to better the health needs of Indians. I don't believe them," asserted Synar, "If they were sincere about meeting the health needs of Indians, they would not propose to cut IHS funding year after year.

Saying that the proposal to limit health care to Native Americans was "misguided,ill-conceived and callous," Synar said the majority of Native Americans who are less than one-quarter would not be able to afford health care-"the very poorest may be covered by Medicaid, but even this doesn't make sense. It's like robbing Peter to pay Paul!"

Synar concluded, "I urge IHS to withdraw this proposal immediately and get to the business of providing adequate, affordable health care to Native Americans."

Crusade Scheduled Sept. 22

A crusade will be held at the MSW Assembly Ground starting September 22 and running from Monday thru Friday each night at 7:30 p.m. The Ground is located seven and one-half miles southeast of Henryetta. Services will be conducted by Rev. Phillip Wade of Talahina and pianist will be Dewayne Harjo, Singer is Millie Colbert. The Greenleaf District No. 3 Rally is the sponsor. Contact Geroge Hicks at 652-3230 or 756-4361.

Muscogee Nation News

The Muscogee Nation News is a montly publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma in the Creek Nation Complex. The office of the MNN is located in the Tribal Mound Building at the Complex.

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Deadlines for submission is the Friday prior to the first full week of the meeting of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Any submission must be brought by the MNN office during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

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-NOTICE-

The Creek Nation Head Start Program announces its participation in the Child Care Food Program. All children in attendance will be offered the same meals with no physical segregation of, or other discrimination against any child because of race, color, national origin sex, age, or handicap. The Child Care Food Program is an equal opportunity program. If you believe you have been discriminated against because of race, color, national origin sex, age, or handicap, write immediately to the State Department of Education, School Lunch Division, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105-4599 or the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

This statement applies to the center(s) listed: Okmulgee, Yeager, Sapulpa, Eufaula.

Thunderbirds Schedule Annual Reunion, Nov. 7-9. . .

Thunderbirds from the 45th Division, 180th Infantry of Company "I" have scheduled their annual reunion for Nov. 7-9 in Muskogee, Okla., according to Red Blackwood of Claremore, Okla., reunion program chairman.

Company "I" of the Oklahoma National Guard was formed at Bacone College in 1935, and originally was composed of students, faculty, and the president of the college, Benjamin Weeks. The company was called into action in 1940 in the European theater during World War II. .

Veterans and Bacone College faculty, staff and students from the 1930s and 40s are invited to return for reunion activities.

Registration will be held in room 110 of the Muskogee Holiday Inn from 4-8 p.m. on Nov. 7, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Nov. 8th.

The annual business is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Nov. 8, with the annual banquet set for 6:30 p.m., both at the Holiday Inn.

On Sunday, Coffee and donuts will be served at the Bacone Ataloa Lodge from 10-11 a.m., and the worship service will be at 11 a.m., in the Bacone College Baptist Church.

Immediately following the service, the traditional memorial service to honor veterans who gave their lives in all wars will be held at the Company I Memorial located in the center of the campus.

Reservations can be made at the Holiday Inn by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-238-8000, and asking for the special reunion rates.

For more information, contact Blackwood at Rt. 4, Box 39 D, Claremore, Oklahoma 74017, or call 918-341-0298.

Secondary Teachers Needed. .

The Chemawa Indian School is looking for a librarian and secondary teachers in the following subjects: Personal Finance, English, Math, Science, Music/Band, Special Education, Vocational Education, and Reading. Candidates must have a bachelor's degree in education. Contact the school at 3700 Chemawa Road, N.E., Salem, OR 97305.

'Turtle Shaker' Article Receives National Response

I want to thank the public for responding to the item, concerning the "Turtle Shaker" which came out in the Muscogee News. I've had calls from Washington State, Washington D.C., Denver Colorado and L.A. and even around here in the Creek Nation.

I didn't get but six pair made. I ran out of turtles, before I could fill the orders that were asked for. Around January or February if you could send me an order when April comes around I would already have your name down, providing nothing happens. I'm proud to know that some places plan to use that item for school culture. The call I received from Denver, Colorado states that she wants to use it in school work since the children there never have seen turtles used in this order.

I've been asked to come and and give a talk or show on how it works during the dance, most of the calls have been out of Oklahoma.

Thanks,
Christine Henneha

Energy Assistance Participation Needed. . .

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Division of Community Services, Offices of Community Research and Development Administration, will conduct a citizen's participation meeting in the Elderly Dinning Hall at Creek Nation's Capitol Complex main office building September 25, 1986 at 2 p.m. to discuss and comment on Creek Nation's participation in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Citizens are encouraged to attend this meeting in order to discuss and comment on next years LIHEAP application, proposed funding available, eligibility criteria, proposed program activities, and otherwise participation in the the development of the pre-application.

Note of Appreciation. . .

Dear Chief Cox and Creek Nation

I would like to thank you and the people who are responsible for the Detox program at the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah. If not for the program I would have lost everything. I would like to tell our people and others that the doctors and staff are very caring and very professional, so I would seriously recommend the Detox program to anyone with or having a alcohol or drug problem or another problem they are there to help with any problem.

Sincerely,
Olen P. Washington

Twin Hills Community Schedule Food Sale. . .

The Twin Hills Indian Community will be having a food sale and yard sale at the community building on September 20, 1986, starting at 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

REVENUE SHARING NOTICE

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of Section 51:55 of the Revenue Sharing Regulations, as published in the Federal Register on October 17, 1983. Section 51:55 prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals because of their handicapped status.

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Muscogee (Creek) Nation has designated the following person as the contact to coordinate efforts to comply with this requirement. Inquiries should be directed to: Creek Nation Office of Personnel, John Hillman, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Oklahoma 74447, 918-756-8700, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

-PUBLIC NOTICE-

A proposed use hearing for general revenue sharing purposes will be held on October 2, 1986, for all interested citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The amount of general revenue funds to be discussed for this fiscal year is approximately $96,000. The meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Mound Building, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, for the purpose of discussion of possible uses of general revenue sharing funds. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment on uses of the funds. Senior citizens are encouraged to attend and comment.

CN Employees Respond To Blood Drive. . .

To Creek Nation Employees:

It was certainly encouraging to see the response to this years blood drive here at the Creek Nation Tribal Complex. A total of 60 people were processed with 42 people being able to donate. A hearty thanks goes out to the following people who participated:

Geroge Almerigi, Martha Armstrong, Sherry Baker, Elliot Barnett, Lucien Berryhill, Tom Botone, Leo Brasuell, Kathy Brown, Emma Bruner, Carl Cantrell, Beverly chancey, Carmela Cook, Melinda Deeringwater, Georgeanne Delaune, Barbara Dunn, Newman Frank, Bonnie Gibson, Norman Harjo, Jimmy Hill, Jim Jones, Steve Landsberry, Karen Long, Janet Lynn, Johnnie McDaniel, Fran Miller, Yommie Monahwee, Sherry Montgomery, Emanuel Morgan, Mark Owens, Ronald Raper, Karen Rider, Lisa Sanders, Lance Sands, Phyllis St. John, Tina Tarpalechee, Pearl Thomas, Christine Tiger, Bernice Watson, Rhonda Williams, Daniel Wind III, Minnie Wolf, and Betty Woodfield.

A special thanks to the Division of Community Service staff and Creek Nation Community Hospital staff who provided assistance.

Etta Conner,
Administrative Assistant
Office of Principal Chief

FORMER CREEK CHIEF W.E. "DODE" MCINTOSH, RIGHT, WAS HONORED SEPTEMBER 11 at the People's National Bank in Checotah with a special "Homage to Waldo" ceremony. As part of the ceremony, in recognition for Dode's lifelong contribution to the community of Checotah, his hometown, the 93-year old McIntosh was feted with a painting unveiling. The three-image oil painting depicting the elder McIntosh, was done by Beverly Luby, center, Dode's cousin. Chinnubie McIntosh, Dode's son, right, expresses his appreciation for the honor bestowed upon the McIntosh family.

Former Creek Chief Honored At Checotah Bank Ceremony

By Kathryn Bell

Chief W.E. "Dode" McIntosh was honored September 11 in his hometown of Checotah in a special ceremony "Homage to Waldo."

The festivities were held at the People's National Branch Bank facility from 3-5 as friends, relatives and Checotah citizens crowded the lobby of the bank to honor "Checotah's biggest booser" as he was tributed.

A special unveiling of a 3-image oil painting of the colorful, former Creek Chief, done by the Chief's cousin, Beverly Crockett Luby, who was present at the unveiling to dedicate the painting which will be on loan to People's Bank in honor of Chief Dode.

The idea for the "Homage to Waldo" ceremony was conceived and carried out by the Stidham banking family of Checotah; "We wanted to honor Dode because we love him and because he has been such a good friend to Checotah," said Mrs. Mary Stidham, wife of People's National Bank President, Lee Stidham. The Bank is also celebrating it's 75th Anniversary.

Upon the unveiling of the painting, which was entitled, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," artist Luby explained the inspiration for the painting, which depicts Chief Dode in three images showing his Creek and Scottish background. "Dode has always been such a catalyst for so many positive things in McIntosh County -and within our family - particularly in our love for our beautiful Indian heritage, and that's the inspiration for the painting." Luby, who calls her cousin "Waldo," explained the elements in the painting of the bleeding heart of which she said - "Waldo's heart is bigger than Waldo and the bleeding heart also represents our Scottish ancestors coming to America as well as our Creek ancestors coming to Indian Territory on the Trail of Tears."

Amid the warmth of friendships that often spanned many years, Dode accepted the glowing tributes and praise in his usual manner - with graciousness punctuated by the signature Creek "war whoop," done with the help of his son, Chinnubie - much to the crowd's delight.

"I appreciate this honor from the good people of Checotah," said Dode, addressing the crowd, "I came to this town many, many years ago and I am for anything that boosts Checotah, from the Checotah Historical Society to anything that will make it the finest and cleanest community...let's make our descendants here in Checotah, proud they have lived in "The Gem of the Red River!" concluded Dode enthusiastically.

Chief Dode, 93, was born in Smith County, Tennessee, and moved to Checotah in 1901, where he was educated and where he later taught. He married Lulu Vance and had five children. He also served as the City Clerk of the town. His most prestigious honor came in serving his Muscogee (Creek) Tribe as Principal Chief from 1961-1971.

Cake and punch were served after the honor ceremony of one of Checotah's "favorite sons."

Candidate for Associate Judge Seeks Support of Creek Voters

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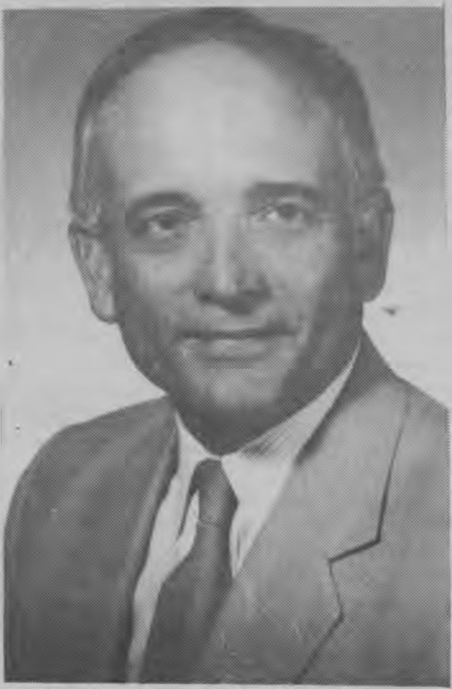


Patrick E. Moore, Okmulgee Attorney, has announced his candidacy for Associate District Judge of Okmulgee County.

Moore has served as an Assistant District Attorney. Okmulgee and McIntosh Counties for the past 3 1/2 years with complete responsibility for all Criminal Juvenile, Deprived and In Need of Treatment Juvenile action, Mental Health, Civil suits and Federal Court actions, Appeals to the Supreme Court and has been responsible for felony prosecution through Jury Trial from murder to burglary.

Moore has been in the practice of law since 1977 with his father, Tom Moore with practice primarily in the fields of Probate and Estate Planning, Real Estate Title Examination and Indian Law.

Moore is of Indian, Irish and German parentage with full membership in The Muscogee (Creek) Tribe. His paternal great grandfather, John R. Moore, with his two brothers, walked from Russell County, Alabama in the 1840's, when he was a teen-age boy, to the CREEK NATION and what is now Okmulgee County. JOHN R. MOORE was Speaker of the House of Warriors of the CREEK NATION, was a delegate to Washington, D.C. for and on behalf of the CREEK NATION, and was Treasurer of the CREEK NATION at the time of his death in 1888. When he died, his brother, Judge Napoleon B. Moore, who was a member of the Supreme Court of the CREEK NATION, became Treasurer of the CREEK NATION and served in such capacity for several years.

Moore is the oldest son of Audis and Tom Moore and is married to Jill Moore. They have three children, Pandee 13, Jerrad 8, and Megan 2 with the two oldest attending school at Morris.

Moore attended the 1st grade at Morris, 2nd thru 6th grade at Horace Mann in Okmulgee, and graduated from Okmulgee High School. Moore has a Bachelors Degree in Accounting from the University of Oklahoma and Juris Doctor from Oklahoma City University.

Moore was in the Strategic Air Bombardment Wing on flying status with a Top Secret security clearance during the Viet-Nam Conflict from September 10, 1963 until September 9, 1967. Moore was with the Oklahoma Tax Commission for 13 years and served as the assistant to the Chairman with responsibilities for taxation, legal and administration areas. Moore served on the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunication System Advisory Committee that set up a state wide network for law enforcement during the David Boren administration.

Moore is a member of the Okmulgee Chamber of Commerce, a 32nd degree Mason and Past Master of Morris Lodge 471 A.F.& A.M., a member of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association and the National District Attorneys Association.

Moore is a member of The Oklahoma Bar Association and licensed to practice law in the Eastern, Northern and Western Districts of The United States District Court of Oklahoma, The United States Court of Appeals Tenth Circuit, The District and Supreme Courts of The Muscogee (Creek) Nation, The United States Tax Court and The Supreme Court of United States of America.

Moore states he is most qualified for the office of Associate District Judge having handled 480 different cases and trials before the Associate District Judge in all areas including full Criminal and Civil trials.

BIA Road Destroyed By Tribal Ordinance

A Bureau of Indian Affairs road on the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Arizona has been destroyed by order of the tribal council. The alleged reason for the tribal action was the road lead to a store operated by a tribal member that was in tribal member that was in competition with a store operated by the tribe.

Assistant Phoenix Area Director Walt Mills wrote the tribe: "Future (road) projects will be withheld until full restitution is made and we have assurances by a tribal council resolution that roadways within our right of way will not be damaged or interfered with in any way. The BIA did not abandon the roadway or in any way authorize the tribe to destroy it. The tribe acted alone in the destruction of federal government property, and we are hereby demanding that full restitution be made." There has been no response from the tribe to Mills' letter.

Professional staff recently joining the Sapulpa Health Center are : (left) Dr. Douglas White at the dental clinic and Dr. Kathy Stubbs, D.O., with the health clinic.

Sapulpa Health Center Welcomes Staff

James Floyd, Director of the Creek Nation Community Services, today announced the hiring of two new staff members at the Sapulpa Health facility. Dr. Kathy Stubbs, D.O. will serve as a physician at the Sapulpa Health Center, in addition to working with the Okemah Clinic and the Creek Nation Hospital. C. Douglas White, D.D.S. is now on the staff of the Sapulpa Dental Clinic.

Dr. Stubbs, Creek, is a native of Muskogee and graduated from Oklahoma College of Osteopathic Medicine in Tulsa. She was a Pre-Med student at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah and interned at Enid Memorial Hospital, Children's Memorial Hospital in Oklahoma City and at Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah.

Dr. Stubbs, her husband and two daughters reside in Tulsa.

Dr. White, a native of Colorado, and currently residing in Stillwater with his wife, four daughters and three sons, has had experience as a Facility Dental Officer at Pawnee Indian Health Center. He is a graduate of the University of Iowa.

Dr. White has won several awards and recognitions in his field. Among them; (1977) College Register, International American Academy of Science Award; (1978) Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and College; (1982) American Academy of Periodontology Annual Student Award; (1983) Hazardous Duty Award, Isolated Hardship Award; (1984) Outstanding Young Men of America, Public Health Service Commissioned Officers Award, Public Health Service Citation; (1985) Outstanding Young Men of America and Unit Commendation. In 1986, White received an Outstanding Unit Citation.

Creek Wins "Golden Poet" Award

By Kathryn Bell

Accepting a "Golden Poet" Award, George Scott, Wewoka, was the only Native American poet among hundreds of international poets who attended the "Second Annual World of Poetry Convention," held August 30, 31, and September 1, at the Orlando World Center in Orlando, Florida.

Scott, 30, and other honorees, received their "Golden Poet" Awards in a gala Golden Awards Banquet that culminated the three-day convention schedule of workshops, competitions, and gala festivities.

Celebrities like veteran actor Vincent Price and international poet Maya Angelou were present to entertain and conduct the workshops.

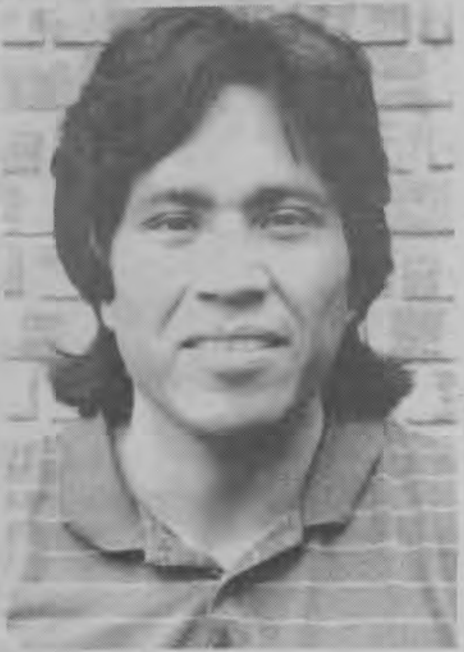
Scott said he was honored to take the trip to Florida to attend the convention and thanked Creek Nation and Chief Cox for their support in taking care of the Registration fee for the Convention.

This was the first time Scott had ever entered his poetry in a competition and although he did not win one of the cash awards given during Convention competition, he expressed his appreciation for having had the opportunity to read his poetry with other poets - "This experience will be with me for a long time and I do plan to attend the Convention next year."

Born and raised in Okemah, Scott graduated from Okemah High in 1974, where he was very involved in sports.

Scott is the son of Rev. Mose and Elouise Scott of Okemah. Rev. Scott pastors the Salt Creek Indian Baptist Church in Okemah.

Encouraged by his parents, Scott hopes that one day he can use his special writing ability to help his people - "The more knowledge I gain, the more I can contribute to my people and I feel that we all definitely have a responsibility to use whatever skill or ability we have, for the betterment of our Indian people."



OLD MAN BY THE LAMP

When I sit here in darkness
By this old dim lamp,
I look for a light
At the end of my consciousness.
I walk through dusty chambers,
Through dark and dim
Hear the rattle of chains
And the souls of bound men.
Here there is no end
And though my hair grows long
and hoary.
Truth is not a friend
But a long unfruitful journey.

TIME

Time is like a breath of fog
on the window sill
Before you grow old and your hair
turns in the seasons
And gat knowledge and wisdom
to leave your imprint in it,
It melts away to nothing as snow
on a sunny Wintry day.
And then it is a cat on little quiet feet
Who is a thief in the night;
after it has sifted
In your rubbish to take the good things
that are left,
It stands on your trash can,
a black silhouette
Against the pall of the moon,
to return unseen in the shadows.

Tribes to Participate in Naming Historic Sites:

Procedures of the National Register of Historic Place will be amended to include special steps to be taken when a nominated site is located on Indian land. The State of Federal Historic Presevation Officer must notify the "chief executive officer" of the affected tribe. There will be an opportunity to comment and the tribal chief will again notified if a site is selected. Nominating authorities are encouraged, but not required, to notify other interested officials, such as traditional tribal leaders. Fed. Reg. No. 15, Pg. 28204, August 5, 1986.

National Indian Youth Council Files Lawsuit Against Gallup City Council

The National Indian Youth Council filed suit today in the Federal District court on behalf of Indian people in the City of Gallup. The lawsuit challenges the at-large election scheme for the Gallup city council members, which makes it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for an Indian to be elected to the city council.

At-large voting means that in any given election, the top vote getters city wide are elected. Because of racially polarized voting, Indians, who are a minority in the City of Gallup, are in a extreme disadvantage to be elected to the City Council. Although Indians are 20% of the Gallup population no Indian has ever been elected to the four member Gallup City Council.

We alledge that the voting system as presently constituted is not only unfair but in violation of Indians rights to fully participate in the electorial processes as secured by Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The lawsuit also challenges the at-large election scheme on the basis of a New Mexico statute passed by the legislature in 1985. The New Mexico statute requires that all members of governing bodies of municipalities with populations in excess of 10,000 reside and be elected from single-member districts.

The New Mexico law, which NIYC vigorously promoted during the 1985 session, was enacted largely in response to similar litigation throughout the state against counties, cities and school boards for violation of the Federal Voting Rights Act.

Because the population of the City of Gallup, according to the 1980 census, is 18,161, NIYC believes Gallup is bound by the single-member districting mandate of the New Mexico statute.

The city, however, takes the position that the application of the New Mexico statute in its case is ambiguous. The city's at-large election scheme is pursuant to its home ruled charter granted under authority of the New Mexico Constitution. The Attorney General Paul Bardacke has issued an opinion that provisions of the New Mexico Constitution prevent the New Mexico legislature form mandating single-member districting for home rule charter cities. This litigation seeks to settle the question for all New Mexico cities with home rule charters.

But even if the New Mexico law does not apply to Gallup, the city is subject to the 1965 Voting Rights Act which prohibits election schemes that result in discrimination. When Federal Courts have found illegal vote dilution to exist, they typically have ordered a remedy consisting of the creation of a single-member districts on the assumption that if they are fairly drawn, they greatly increase the chances of minority groups to elect candidates of their choice.

In summary the lawsuit seeks to promote greater political access for Native Americans by eliminating the structural barrier of the at-large voting system for the City of Gallup.

Construction of the new Okmulgee bingo facility is underway with opening date set hopefully within three months. The building is located on the S.E. corner of the complex.

New CN Okmulgee Bingo Facility Under Construction at Complex

By Kathryn Bell

Construction is currently underway on the new Okmulgee Bingo Facility that is to be located on the southwest corner of the Creek Nation Tribal Complex property at Eufaula Street and Highway 75, according to Buddy York, Director of the Division of Tribal Affairs at Creek Nation.

Construction began on the tribal grounds near the end of August and by contract, should be completed by the end of December, 1986. However York feels that the Bingo facility will be operational within 90 days. "Weather permitting, we are hoping to be fully operational by Thanksgiving, in time for the holidays."

When completed, the 80'by 125' metal building will seat from 350-500 and the building will be multi-purpose - "Since we will only play Bingo two or three nights a week, the building can be used for meetings and other purposes," said York.

The total construction cost is approximately $225,000 and $300,000 when fully equipped, said York, who explained that the new Okmulgee Bingo facility is being built to generate revenue for the tribe, and will be tribally owned and operated. The Creek Nation Bingo Hall in Tulsa, is operated under contract. York said that the stakes at the Okmulgee facility had not yet been determined.

The tribal funds appropriated for the Okmulgee Bingo facility will be expended from 7151 funds, which is tribal income derived from tribal leases and royalty payments.

The ordinance to authorize and appropriate tribal funds for the project approved in a reconvened meeting of the National Council on June 2. A five-member board, set up by the National Council, will be responsible for the management of the Okmulgee Bingo facility.

Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women Select 'Outstanding Indian Women'

The Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women has selected their awards for the year 1986.

The 1986 Oklahoma Outstanding Indian Mother of the Year was Carmen Fife, a Creek Indian of Dustin,Oklahoma.

She and her husband, James Fife, also a Creek Indian, have eight children. In addition to their own children, they have also helped to raise five of his nieces and nephews and have given parental loving and kindness to numerous friends of all these children. They have 19 grandchildren.

Carmen attended Chilocco Indian Agricultural School for four years and was valedictorian of the 1934 graduating class. She then attended the Santa Fe Indian School Arts and Crafts Teachers Training course for two years, graduating in 1936. She attended Adams State Teachers College, Alamosa, Colorado, and the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

She taught at Sherman Institute, Riverside, California, and Graham Public School, Weleetka, Okla. She has also been an Indian Adult Education teacher. Although she enjoyed her teaching career, most of her time has been devoted mainly to raising her children.

Oklahomas Outstanding Indian Woman of the Year was Wilma ManKiller, a Cherokee, of Tahlequah Oklahoma.

The Georgeann Robinson Humanitarian Award went to, Michael Lambeth.

The Crow Service Award went to Mary Townsend for service to Indians over a period of years.

Ethel Torres
Weleetka, Okla

National Congress of American Indians Seeking Contributions of Veteran's Art

The National Congress of American Indians is seeking contributions of artwork and photographs of Indian and Native veterans to be displayed during the NCAI Indian Veterans' Art and Photography Exhibit being planned for early next year. The "Visions of Indian Veterans" exhibit will highlight photography and artwork by Indian veterans, as well as display photographs and memorabilia to present a visual history of the participation of Indian and Native people in the armed services.

Artwork and Photography Exhibit: "Visions of Indian Veterans" will be a juried artshow, exhibiting paintings, sculpture, photography, beadwork, quillwork and quiltwork. For photography submitted, please send prints only.

Photography of Indian Veterans: We cannot guarantee the return of any photographs, so please do not send one-of-a-kind photographs. If it is necessary to send one-of-a-kind photographs, indicate this in your accompanying note, as well as information about the individuals in the photograph, when and where the picture was taken and any special circumstances or background information about the photograph. The photographs will be displayed at the Art Show and other NCAI meetings and events. All photographs gathered will be catalogued for archives and possible publication. Contributors will be contacted regarding usage.

For All Contributors: Along with your submittals, we would appreciate knowing which tribe you are a citizen of, in which branch of the armed services and during what period you served and which traditional society or clan you belong to, if applicable.

If you would like to participate in this historic event or wish more information contact, Suzan Shown Harjo, Gail Chehak, Robert Holden or JoAnn Chase at the address and number: 804 D Street, N.E, Washington, D.C. 20002, (202) 546-9404.

-Region 8 Rodeo News-

By Rita Williams

The Region Eight All Indian Rodeo Association held its finals over the Labor Day weekend in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Listed are the contestants who won the finals and will go on to Albuquerque N.M. to compete in the Indian National Finals. In bareback - James Duffield and Joel McNeil. In Saddleback - T.O. Yazzie and Jess Knight. In Bull Riding - Mika Calico and Stoney Speaks. In Calf Roping - Dick Foreman and Dee Keener. In Team Roping - Tarz Foreman and Dick Foreman, and Short Foreman and Ben Foreman. In Steer Wrestling - Alan Murdaugh and Kim Carrigan. In Barrel Racing - Shea Bickford and Sissy Williams.

Bob Arrington, Creek, was elected as President of the Board of Directors for the Indian National Finals to be held in Albuquerque N.M. this year. He has served on the six man board for nine years, and was Vice-President for two years.

The purpose of the Indian National Finals is to crown Indian champions in each event and to give the nine regions involved a goal to reach for at the end of the year to make it to the finals.

Arrington expressed the rewards of laboring to put on the finals. "most of the time, its not fun," you are continually running into problems and situations that have to be worked out, but amidst it all, when I look up into the crowd and see the older people or that older Indian lady sitting quietly watching the performance, "all of a sudden, its all worthwhile," Bob further stated, "The finals are for everyone, those that wish to make it and for those that are not contestants,these are the supporters,for without them we would not have the finals."

Bob has been a rodeo man and competitor for years and has competed in every event. He has been involved with the All Indian Rodeo Association from the beginning and he also holds a Gold Card for the P.R.C.A.

Bob and his wife Jo, make their home in Sapulpa, where they have lived for 12 years. They are the business owners of "Mr.Indians Cowboy Western Store."

The new officers and directors for the 1987-88 Region Eight Association are: President - Tom Botone, Vice-President - Matt Fowler, Secretary and Treasurer - Lisa Hamilton, Sarg-at-arms - Bob Davis, Bareback Director - James Duffield - SaddleBronc Director - Happy Tiger, Bull Riding Director - Darrell FourKiller, Calf Roping Director - Pepper Morgan, Steer Wrestling Director - Alan Murdaugh, Team Roping Director - Butch Smith, Barrel Racing Director - Shea Bickford

Senator Mark Andrews Discouraged With Senate Committee

Senator Mark Andrews, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Indian Affairs, threatened a failure of committee members to appear for a scheduled meeting to consider several Indian Bills, including a bill to regulate gambling on Indian reservations.

The lack of a guorum prevented any action. "I'm not about to serve as chairman of a committee that is not functioning because staff can't get the members to show up," said Andrews.

"Obviously, there is a lack of interest on the part of the members." Andrews said he had fought previous efforts tp abolish the Indian Affairs Committee, but would change his mind if he is unable to get a quorum for a meeting after Congress returns from a three-week recess, September 8. He said the committee has been plauged by quorum problems.

Youth Dropped in Bowling,Not Nursery

Reprint from Muskogee Daily Phoenix

It wasn't the drop-off service for 4-year-old Tricia OneBear when she went with her mother Lydia to the bowling alley.

Lydia, a league bowler, told her daughter she could throw a few practice balls but one thought should stick in her mind; It won't be a waste of money. Tricia would have to do her best.

Sooner Bowl (now Starr Bowling Center) also had another rule for beginners:

"They said as long as they keep it in the alley, they could start at any age," Lydia said.

Tricia kept it in the alley and out of the gutter. Ten years later, she's maintained that skill.

"She uses the same approach. I didn't think it would carry on this long," said Lydia, who carries a 168 average. "Now it's difficult for me to compete against her."

It was for others, too, in the Youth Alliance Bowlers Association Bowler of the Year Tournament recently in Claremore. Tricia won the junior (12-14) girls age division by one point with games of 152,180 and 188. To a bowler-of-the-month award for scratch scores in Oklahoma with a high game or series.

Tricia did that last February with a 204 game at Starr.

Winning the title at Claremore's Cedar Lanes surprised the West Junior High School seventh grader-to-be.

"I saw other girls before the tournament I thought were better than me," said Tricia, who averaged 145 in league last spring. "Especially one girl."

"But she wasn't nervous and didn't let that bother her," Lydia said. "I told her she would run up against some very good bowlers, some I had seen in bowling magazines. She was nonchalant, relaxed and took it at a frame at a time."

Frank Henry, Tricia's stepfather and 190 average bowler, had another reason for Tricia's success:

"She made spares and was able to pick them up better than the other kids. She made a lot of spares."

"I used to start bowling from anywhere on the lane," Tricia said. "My mom told me to try to hit the fourth arrow from the right when I was 11. That's helped a lot."

Gregory and his wife, Sally, are farmers, and he works for Northern Natural Gas Company. They have four children, Kasie age 13, Trasie 11, Wehnoka 9, and one son Isaac 6.

Gregory attended Liberty Jr. College and Friend University at Wichita Ks., and was majoring in Music and P.E.

Besides Lydia and Frank, Tricia had others to follow in a bowling family. Her older brothers,Casey and Chad, also began bowling at 4.

"I guess they were taking in what we told them about bowling," Lydia said. "They've all been in leagues. Bowling's very competitive in our family. Tricia will ask me what I bowled and say, 'I beat you,' She's doing good while I have to wait and watch.

"She had never bowled in a big tournament and had to adjust to different lanes. She's shown interest and has gotten a little better each year."

Especially in the past year, Steve Starr added.

"Tricia had the fundamentals down when we (he and wife Vicky) started helping her in November of '84," Starr said. "This year she's more consistent and concerned more. She listens to anything you say and will do anything you want. She never says, "I can't."

Tricia OneBear is 13 years old, lives in Muskogee,Okla, and is Creek/Northern Southern Cheyenne. Lydia is the daughter of Lydia OneBear and the Grandaughter of Mable Charles Jones of Muskogee.

Creek Student Delegate To State 4-H Congress

Janita Screechowl, Sapulpa, was selected as a delegate to the 1986 State 4-H Congress which was held at the Lincoln Plaza Hotel in Oklahoma City in July.

Three delegates were selected from each county in Oklahoma and Janita was one of the three delegates representing Creek County.

"4-H...Making Knights in Shining Armor" was this year's theme. Delegates attended workshops, assemblies, the Honor Reception, and the Congress Banquet. Special activities were a formal dance and an evening at Whitewater.

Janita, the 14-year-old daughter of Ed and Janice Screechowl, is a ninth grader at Sapulpa High School where she is a member of the FFA and the hiqh school marching band.

Tribe to Participate In State Program

The Hoopa Valley Indian tribe is the first tribe to participate in the California Unemployment Insurance Program. The tribe enacted Program. The tribe enacted ordinances to include 600 Indian workers and 80 employers and subcontractors.

Evangelist Ernest Best:

"Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us; we pray you in Christ's stead, by ye reconciled to God." II Corinthians 5:20

It is an honor to be selected by your peers to represent them in some mission or endeavor. It is a privilege and responsibility to represent one's state or country. How much greater the honor, privilege, and responsiblity each of us, as Christians, have as ambassadors for the God of glory, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The world not only judges our Lord by our actions, but we also have the awesome ministry of reconciling a lost world to a loving Savior. We thank the Lord that He has called us into this particular portion of his vineyard to labor and be His ambassadors.

During August, we were at the Eighth Annual Lac du Flambeau Christian Indian Gathering, Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin. I both preached and taught during the Gathering. This was our third time to be with them. We had a great time as God blessed our time during the services and during times of fellowship. We praise God for what He is doing in the church there.

The Saturday afternoon feast is always a highlight of the Gathering. They really outdid themselves this year. On the menu was: venison, bear, beaver, turtle soup, fish, wild rice, and other things like turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravey, salads. We tried it all and liked it all.

After we left the Chippewa of Lac du Flambeau, we moved to Crandon, Wisconsin, to be in meetings with the Pottawattomi of Stone Lake community. We had a good revival at Stone Lake, with very good attendance and many people responding during the invitations. This is a community where there has been a church for many years with almost no response to the gospel. When we were there two years ago, there were two faithful women. Last year, the church was full every night, but there wasn't a single move for the Lord.

The Lord has been moving during this past year and we saw the fruit of it in this meeting. They still need much prayer. Sin has devastated the people and they are in strong bondage to it. There are very few Christians. There were many non-Christians people coming to the revival. Praise God!

Our final week was spent in the Carter community with another part of the same tribe. We had a good meeting there with several coming for prayer.

We are now looking toward Canada. It is quite cool in this northern part of the country, with the cool, crisp air of fall. The leaves are changing color and we are seeing some frost in the mornings. It is a beautiful and exciting time of year. We are looking forward to our time in Canada and perhaps seeing a little snow fall before we leave. Most of all we are looking forward to seeing what the Lord will do while we are there. Please be praying with us that our time there will be blessed of the Lord.

We are so thankful for your prayers and your faithful financial support. You are truly co-laborers with us in the Lord's work.
Your missionaries to the
North American Indians,
Bro. Ernest & Bennie Best

Housing Rules Enacted. . .

The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development has delegated to the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing the authority to rule on housing authority requests regarding change in bedroom size or occupancy type of a public housing unit. This delegation of authority to the Assistant Secretary can be redelegated to any HUD Regional Administrator. Fed. Reg. No. 148, Pg. 27603, August 7, 1986.

New Housing Rules Proposed-

New lease and grievance procedures for Indian Housing have been proposed by HUD. The proposed rules address specifically tenate leases, including termination of tenancy, and the procedures for hearings by applicants and tenants. Comments due 9/22. Contact Edward Whipple, Docket No. R-86-1020, FR1164, HUD Room 4206, 451 7th St., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20410, (202) 426-0744. Fed. Reg. No. 141, Pg. 26504, July 23, 1986.

Limits On Tribal Taxing. . .

The National Conference of State Legislatures Energe and Natural Resources Committee has drafted a resolution which, if passed into law, would prohibit Indian tribes from taxing non-Indians within reservation boundaries. For additional information contact Richard Phelps (703) 425-3440.

Col. William Robison Reunion Held July 5

By Ethel Torres

The Col. William Robison family reunion met Saturday, July 5 at the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town Complex for their twelvth reunion with 138 present.

Ben Birdcreek, Haskell Indian Jr. College employee of Lawrence Ks. was the master of ceremonies.

President Tommy Robison, of Oklahoma City, gave the welcome. Ethel Coleman Torres gave the opening prayer. Bernice Robison Kirkland and her family from Anchorage, Alaska came the fartherest and donated her $10 back on the donation of use of the building toward utilities. The Col's surviving two granddaughters were both present, Pearlie Scott, Weleetka and Susie Foster, Okemah, both 89 years old.

Surviving grand-daughters-in-law is Mrs. Richard (Jessie) Robison of Wetumka, who was present, Mrs. Clem Lizzie Robison of Tulsa, Mrs.Abner (Ruth) Robison of Sand Springs,and Mrs. Eddie (Marie) Robison of Kingsburg California, who were all three absent.

Susie was the oldest present and received a gift, youngest was, Randy Robison, three week old granddaughter of Rufus Robison of Paden. Most children present were five children of Debbie Kessinger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robison of Paden. William Buck of Weleetka won the horseshoes this year. (two fellows said they thought they had a chance Buck was so late). The doubles was won by Rick Robison of Houston Texas and Tim Lakins of Paden. Each received a trophy.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Mrs. Tommy (Stella) Robison of Paden who died this year, and Mr.Tom Berryhill of Henryetta gave the grace for the abundant kitchen full home-cooked food. (Well I saw two boxes of the "Col." sitting there!) but Frank Robisons 3 or 4 gal. of private stock fried fish compensated. (In 12 years of reunions there is never any of his fish left.)

Outgoing officers of two years who were commended for a job well done were, President, Tom Robison, Oklahoma City, Vice-President, B.C. Robison, Paden, and horseshoe tournament chairman, and Ethel Torres, Weleetka, Secretary and Treasurer, Emma Lou Duncan, Okemah was elected by acclamation to be the "whole shooting match" in one! Her sister Elizabeth will help her. A generous donation was given by everyone for expenses next year.

Present from out of state were: "Brick" Autry of Dimmitt Texas, Terry Horton, Baytow Texas, Rick, Linda,Jeff,Ronnie, Russell and Joseph Robison of Houston Texas, Cindy McKellop Steen and David Stein of Tomball Texas, Charles Coleman of Van Nuys California, Willis and Louise Robison, Upper Lake California, Bernice and Don Kirkland of Anchorage Alaska, Amos Birdcreek, of Haskell Indian Jr. College, Lawrence Ks. from Okla City, was Tom an Lila Robison, Lizzie Roper and grandchild, Chelsea Okla, Robin Lynn Coleman Neel and Mrs. William (Anna) Coleman, of Tulsa, Rene Robison, Jim Ryan, LeAnn High of Sapulpa, Lynn and Patti Robison of Coweta, William Buck, Broken Arrow, Michel Smith (Mckellop), Candy,Sam and Kevin Kevir of Coweta, Nolen, Lenora, Scott Kevin Robinson, Ratliff City, Jake, Ella and two children of Ratliff City, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hannan and Sarah of Ratliff City, from Choctaw Okla, Bill,Beth Bonnie Grimsley, from Warner Okla, Banny and Gretchen King, from Tecumseh Okla, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Conn, from Norman Okla, Amos Robison, from Oologah, Helen M. Mckellop, from Shawnee, Okla, Steve Randall, from Holdenville, Stephen, Travis, Angela Robinson, from Paden, Rufus, Phyllis, Janice Robison, Brian and Debby Kessinger and five children, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robison and Jodi, Randal, Tina, Rachel and Randi Robison, William and Mildred Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Robison, Carlita and Clayton Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Robison, from Wewoka Okla, Mrs. Rebecca Robison Lindsey, from Henryetta Okla, Tom Berryhill, son Mike and Julie Berryhill, Shawn Williams, Pauline, Rocky, Ginger and Clifton Randall, from Okemah, Mary and Cheryl Taylor, Mary Robison and family, Susie Foster, Elizabeth Trickey, Emma Lou Duncan, Noel,Joel,Becky, Amy Bartosh,Fletcher, Leigh, Ann and Rachel Duncan Nora and Sonny, Pat,Kristie and Kimmie Cheek, from Wetumka, Jessie Robison and grandson David Burney, Jim and Pauline Mckinney, Elouise and Betsy Proctor, Buddy Joe Robison, Camille and Michelle Gann and Arron and Linda Johnson, and Roley Berryhill, from Weleetka, Pearlie Scott, Sinah and Jesse Birdcreek, Gina Yargee, Alan and Chris Jones, Gary, Katy, Dana, Tony, Kristi Langston and Ethel Torres and Cherokee Holt,Parker Arizona.

The 1987 Reunion will be at the same place July 4th.

—OBITUARIES—

Mosey Randall

Mosey Randall, age 5, died Sunday, August 31, in Okemah after an illness.

The youngster, who was born Sept.6, 1980, was a resident of Weleetka. He is survived by his mother, Hannah Randall; a half-brother, Solomon Sands; a half-sister, Marquita Golden; maternal grandparents, Richard and Agnes Randall; and paternal grandmother Lizzie Buckley; all of Weleetka.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Creek Chapel Indian Methodist Church in Okemah, with Rev. Louis Harjo officiating. Interment was held in the Creek Chapel Cemetery under the direction of Shurden Funeral Home.

SADIE C. PRICE

Sadie C Price, 90, Ft. Scott, Kansas, died on July 20, 1986 at the Medical Lodge of Ft. Scott. She was born March 5, 1896 in Checotah, March 5, 1896, in Checotah, Oklahoma, the daughter of John Alexander and Anna Bell Randall McKinney.

Mrs. Price was a member of the First Methodist Church in Ft. Scott, was a member of the Olive Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and was a former White Shrine member.

Survivors include one son, John T. Price, Warrensaburg; two Price, Warrenburge; two granddaughters; and two great granddaughters. She was preceded in death by one son, Martin McKinney Price.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m., July 22, in Ft. Scott at Earl's Memorial Home. The Rev. Peter Vial officiated. Burial was in Checotah, Oklahoma on July 23 in the Greenlawn Cemetery.

Rev.Tom Stewart

Rev.Tom Stewart, Born June 17, 1912 at Spaulding, Oklahoma, died August 29, 1986 at Carl Albert Indian Hospital in Ada, Oklahoma. Christian service of about 60 years. Baptized in 1926, ordained as a deacon in 1935. Missionary to the Seminole Indians in Florida 1948-1950 Co-founder of Creek Indian Mission in Watts, California 1954. Ordained into the gospel ministry 1958 at Salt Creek Indian Baptist Church, Wetumka, Oklahoma. Pastor of First Indian Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California 1960-1972. Pastor of Seminole/Creek Indian Mission, Los Angeles 1972-1975. Returning to Oklahoma, served on the ministerial staff of Middle Creek No.2 Indian Baptist Church about 1976-1982, during these years a working agreement was established between the "Mother Church" Middle Creek and Wewoka Indian Baptist Church for Rev.Tom Stewart to serve as pastor periodically on "loan basis", and in 1983, Rev.Tom Stewart became the member and pastor of Wewoka Indian Baptist Church.

Retired in 1975 from Rockwell International Division of North American Aviation-Inglewood, California.

Retired member of International Labor Union of America (U.A.W.) Headquarters in San Francisco, California.

Credential as a minister of the gospel, recorded in Ministers Credential Record Book No.3 page 56, Hughes County, Holdenville, Oklahoma.

Proud Seminole/Creek Indian registered voter of Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and the State of Oklahoma.

Survivors are: Three sons; Gene Stewart, Northridge, California, Tom Stewart, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Russell Stewart, Tulsa, Oklahoma, One Daughter, Ruth Marie Fish, Holdenville, Oklahoma, One Brother, Robert Stewart, Wewoka, Oklahoma, Two adopted daughters Peggy Stivers, DesMoines, Iowa, Laura Mae Osceola, Hollywood, Florida, Eleven Grandchildren, host of nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

Jan Reimer-Brian Winchell-Gregory Reece

Kansas Gospel Group Conducts Summer Tour

"Sonlight" a Trio, singing contemporary gospel music from Moscow, Ks. has been busy this summer on tour.

The Trio consists of Brian Winchell, Jan Reimer and Gregory Reece. Greg is a Creek Indian, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reece of Moscow. Mrs. Reece, the former Martha Jane Chalakee. Greg is also grandson of the late Rev. John Chalakee and Mrs. Fannie Chalakee of Coweta, Okla.

"Sonlight" has held concerts in many different denominational churches in Western Ks.

They recently made a trip to Newark, Ill., for a concert on Saturday night. The "Sonlight" families were in Vocational Bible School for a week.

Wednesday, August 13th, religious night at the Stevens County Fair, the Trio were priviledged to sing for the 3rd year in a row.

WISEY SOWEKA

Mrs. Wisey Soweka, 89 year-old resident of Henryetta, died Tuesday, September 9. Mrs. Soweka was born Arpil 13, 1897 in Indian Territory and was a retired housewife. Her husband, Lewis Soweka, preceeded her in death on June 29, 1977.

Survivors include three sons, Bunnie, Jacob and Robert Soweka, all of Henryetta; three duaghters, Lillie Scott, Alice Tulsa, and Judy Asbury, also of Henryetta; and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mrs. Soweka was taken to Ryal Community Baptist Church on September 12. Funeral services were held September 13 at the Church with the Reverend Robert Jones officiating. Interment was in the Soweka Family Cemetery.

Indian Characteristics Reported By 1980 U.S. Census

Information Released August 1986:

More than half--56 per cent--of the housing units on the 278 American Indian reservations had no telephone in 1980, according to a report by the Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

Among the ten reservations with the largest American Indian population in 1980, the Papago Reservation had the highest proportion of houses without telephone--87 per cent--while the Zuni Pueblo had the lowest at 37 per cent.

The report indicates that among the 81,273 housing units on reservations with an American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut householder or spouse, 16 per cent lacked indoor toilets.

Among the ten reservations with the largest American Indian population, the Hopi and Navajo Reservations had the highest proportion without electricity and refrigeration.

This is the second part of a two-part report presenting information gathered in the 1980 census on a supplementary questionnaire for American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts living on reservations and in certain parts of Oklahoma.

The 1980 census was the first to collect information on health care on reservations. The report shows data on health services received, method of payment, and travel time to the health care facility.

Four of every five people on all reservations received medical care in an Indian Health Service facility, while more than 95 per cent of the population on six of the largest ten reservations received health care in such a facility.

Here are other facts from the report:

A total of 336,384 American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts lived on reservations and 113,397 in the Oklahoma historic Indian areas. Populations on the ten reservations with the largest American Indian populations ranged from about 5,500 for Blackfeet, to 105,000 for Navajo.

Forty-three per cent of American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts aged 25 and over residing on reservations were high school graduates. The proportions completing high school on the ten reservations were high school graduates. The proportions completing high school on the ten largest reservations ranged from about 43 per cent for the Navajo and Fort Apache Reservations to about 50 per cent for the Rosebud Reservations.

Eighty-seven per cent of Indians on reservations were enrolled in a tribe. Among the ten largest reservations, enrolled ranged from 76 per cent on the Rosebud Reservation to 95 percent on the Zuni Pueblo.

About seven out of ten Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts living on reservations in 1890 had always lived there. Among the ten largest, the proportions ranged from 68 per cent for the Rosebud Reservation to 88 per cent for the Zuni Pueblo.

The report contains similar data for all 278 reservations and the historic Indian areas in Oklahoma (excluding urbanized areas.)

The 1980 census supplementary questionnaire was designed to gather information unique to the American Indian, Eskimo and Aleut populations living on reservations and the Oklahoma historic Indian areas. It was developed by the Census Bureau in consultation with the Office of Management and Budget Task Force on Indian Census, and tribal governments.

Later this summer the Census Bureau plans to release a Summary Tape File providing more subject and geographic information than shown in this report.

A Public Use Microdata file consisting of a sample of records from the supplementary questionnaires for reservations and the historic areas of Oklahoma (excluding urbanized areas) is available for $140.00 from the Census Bureau's Data User Service Division. Contact Customer Services at (301) 763-4100 for information.

Copies of *American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts on Identified Reservations and in the Historic Areas of Oklahoma (Excluding Urbanized Areas),* PC80-2-1D, Part 2, Sections 1 and 2 (GPO Stock Nos. 003-024-06435-9 and 003-024-06437-5), are available for $23.00 each prepaid from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington D.C. 20402.

The Part 1 report containing summary data was released in December 1985.

The 1980 Census was the first to provide information on all reservations. Data from the regular 1980 census questionnaires were published earlier, covering all American Indians, Eskimos, and Aleuts in the United States.

The attached tables show social and housing characteristics of the American Indian. Eskimo, and Aleut populations for the ten reservation with the largest American Indian populations.

SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS FOR THE AMERICAN INDIAN, ESKIMO AND ALEUT POPULATION FOR SELECTED AREAS: 1980

(Data are based on a sample)

			American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut					
				Persons 25 years old and over			Persons who received health care	
Selected Areas	American Indian, Eskimo, & Aleut persons	American Indians--Percent enrolled in tribe	Percent 5-19 yrs old enrolled in BIA or tribal school	Percent completed less than 5 years of school	Percent high school graduate	Persons 1 yr and over--Percent always lived on this reservation	Total	Percent received care from Indian health service, clinic, health center, or hospital
Total on identified reservations	336,384	87.0	24.4	16.2	43.2	69.4	285,618	80.3
Reservations with the largest American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut population								
Navajo, Ariz., N. Mex., and Utah	104,517	90.4	28.6	37.4	34.1	81.9	87,376	87.5
Pine Ridge, S. Dak	11,868	91.4	59.1	3.9	44.8	74.9	10,179	93.4
Gila River, Ariz	6,906	86.7	19.6	5.7	38.3	77.0	5,882	93.3
Papago, Ariz	6,772	89.2	45.8	25.2	35.0	78.2	6,039	98.1
Fort Apache, Ariz	6,870	91.8	15.5	4.5	34.1	83.6	6,080	97.5
Hopi, Ariz	6,592	81.5	56.1	21.0	41.7	78.5	5,471	98.7
Zuni Pueblo, N. Mex	5,973	95.1	5.2	5.6	38.3	88.3	4,775	97.0
San Carlos, S. Dak	5,795	86.8	11.7	8.8	37.1	73.5	4,942	96.6
Rosebud, S. Dak	5,643	76.3	18.5	3.3	50.2	67.5	4,697	83.7
Blackfeet, Mont	5,529	82.7	2.9	3.8	49.9	75.2	4,780	96.2
Total in the historic areas of Oklahoma (excluding urbanized areas)	113,397	51.0	1.5	7.9	50.1	...	87,217	51.6

. . .Not Applicable
Note: Data on health care are for persons who received health care during last 12 months by ususal place of health care.
Source: U.S Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

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Creek Nation Bingo to Celebrate 2nd Anniversary with $150,000 Play!

Creek Nation Bingo will celebrate its second anniversary, Saturday, November 15, with a play for over $150,000 in cash and prizes.

The admission is $150 and includes two-6 ons for all Regular Games; two-3 ons for Early Birds, two-3 ons for the Jackpot Game, and Do-It-Yourself ticket. All Regular Games will pay $5,000 each; Early Bird, $10,000; Super Jackpot, $20,000; and Late Game, $10,000.

There will be 16 drawings; Grand Door Prize is a 1986 Ford Escort, five drawings for $500 each and ten drawings for free play for one month. All advance tickets holders will receive two chances for all drawings Advance tickets are on sale at the main office.

The Special Session starts at 7:15 p.m. Creek Nation Bingo is located on the east Bank of the Arkansas River at the end of 81st Street, off Lewis Ave., two blocks west of Oral Roberts University.

KOMAR & SONS SEAMPRUFE CORP. INDIAN EMPLOYEES IN HOLDENVILLE RECENTLY HONORED PLANT MANAGER, Leonard Williams (r), with a ribbon shirt presented by Chief Cox at a dinner held in the newly constructed building expansion. Thirty-two Indians are employed with the corp. Their tribute to the ocassion was a special table set up with traditional Indian food and a stomp dance performed after the dinner.

'Eternal Flame' Will Symbolize Creek Spirit at Council Oak Tree in Tulsa

By Gary Robinson

In an historic event, representatives of two neighboring governments will meet for the first time in the shade of an old oak tree in Tulsa. On October 26, at 3 p.m., the Tulsa City Council and the Creek National Council will meet at Creek Council Oak Park at 18th and Cheyenne to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the arrival of the Creek people. The city of Tulsa sprang from the original Creek town founded on this site.

The meeting will be preceeded by an exhibition stickball game and stompdancing in nearby Boulder Park beginning at 1 p.m.

Then the Creek Nation Riding Club, mounted on horseback, will lead the Creek participants to the Council Oaks site. The lead rider will be carrying ashes symbolizing the sacred fire brought by the Creeks when they came to Indian territory in 1836 over the Trail of Tears.

Under the Council Oak at 3 p.m., former Chief Dode McIntosh will receive the ashes and ceremoniously light an "eternal flame" that represents the eternal spirit of the Creek people, on behalf of Chief Cox and Tulsa's mayor Dick Crawford.

This special occasion is being planned by a committee appointed by the Mayor. The Creek Council Oak Commemorative Committee has also planned to have 18th Street from Boulder to Denver renamed "Council Oak Trail" with large signs installed.

In addition, the committee is promoting the event among area schools so that as many students as possible can witness the historic day.

This event is planned to become an annual commemorative day honored with proclamations by Mayor Crawford and Governor Nigh beginning a more formal relationship between the City of Tulsa and Creek Nation. The old oak tree is a fitting symbol of an historic relationship, for Tulsa literally has its roots at the base of the tree.

Tribes Want Swimmer's Resignation

By Helen Chalakee

The 43rd Convention of the National Congress of the American Indians (NCAI) passed a resolution calling for the resignation of Ross Swimmer, Asst. Secretary of the Interior, because Indian leaders across the United States have lost confidence in Swimmer's motives due to his inappropriate actions in a series of issues.

The resolution was passed in General Assembly on the last day of the meeting, Sept. 26, in Phoenix, Arizona— 4,080 to 3,147 with 600 abstentions. This vote was representative of high officials from tribes across the nation. The majority of NCAI delegates, are what could be termed the chief executive officers of each tribe; they are the ones who have tried to work with Swimmer on behalf of their respective tribal governments.

An attempt was made by the Oklahoma Cherokee delegates to remove the resolution from ballot, but was overpowered by those tribes who have had it with Swimmer's uncooperative attitude and his self-imposed policy modifications.

All the Oklahoma tribes that were present voted for Swimmer's resignation, with the exception of the Cherokee and Peoria.

Creek Principal Chief Cox cast the 180 votes allocated to the Muscogee Nation in favor of the resignation. Since Swimmer's inception, Chief Cox has maintained a constant attempt at securing trust status for Creek owned properties. All the necessary paper work has been completed for some time. . .but, Swimmer keeps changing the game plan on the information he says he needs. When one information adjustment is met, Swimmer will throw in another criteria.

Shortly after Swimmer's appointment, he met with Oklahoma tribes and told them the only way he would place land in trust was that it be a very compelling reason. He has yet to give a hint of what he calls a compelling reason.

Swimmer told the Oklahoma tribes they would be better off not to have their land in trust... in case they might want to sell it, then they wouldn't have to go through all the Bureau redtape in having the land taken out of trust. None of the tribes bought this line.

There is only one catch to Swimmer's suggestion- if land is not in trust status, it is not exempt from state jurisdiction and is subject to state taxation. So anything the tribes might want to establish on non-trust land, such as economic development, community centers, etc. would be subjective to state authority. As well as, mineral and water rights, hunting and fishing rights and so on.

To not have a land base under the trust responsibility of the federal government would deem the tribes powerless and associate tribal governments as nothing more than any other social organization.

Other issues were brought forth in the resolution which was introduced by the Affiliated Tribes of the Northwest Indians and amended and recommended for action by the NCAI Political /Policy Resource Committee to the General Assembly.

The NCAI Swimmer Resolution and related Five Tribes Inter-tribal Council decision can be read on page 3.

HASKELL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF OKLA.

The Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma will have their Fall Reunion, Oct 31 and Nov. 1 at the Holiday Inn in Shawnee, Ok. Banquet and Dance tickets are $10.00. Reception and Halloween activities will be held on Friday. Banquet begins at 6:30 and the dance starts at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday evening. For more information contact Alice Tonemah 918/245-1088 (work) and 918/583-3437 (home).

Muscogee Nation News

The Muscogee Nation News is a montly publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma in the Creek Nation Complex. The office of the MNN is located in the Tribal Mound Building at the Complex.

The purpose of this newsletter is to act as the official publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and to meet any possible need of the Creek Nation that is possible through news coverage.

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Deadlines for submission is the Friday prior to the first full week of the meeting of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Any submission must be brought by the MNN office during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

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Eufaula Indian Community Elects New Officers. . .

The Eufaula Indian Community recently elected officers for the 86-87 year at a meeting held in the Creek Nation Boarding School cafeteria. Officers elected were: President, Kenneth Tiger; Vice-president, Tom Pickering; Secretary, Harriet Tiger; Treasurer, Taylor Phillips. Board Members are: Van D. McIntosh, Frank Kamp and John Marshall. Regular scheduled meeting dates are the 1st Thursday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the Boarding School cafeteria.

Ayuda Toy Drive To Provide CN With Toys. .

The Ayuda toy drive sponsored by Rick Rowe, Rahway Prison in New Jersey, is again providing toys for the Indian children of Creek Nation. Parents, please provide the names and ages (0 to 3) to your community chairman or District Representative. Contact persons will be available in each community.

Twin Hills Community To Elect Officers, Nov. 8 . . .

Twin Hills Indian Community will be having their monthly meeting, November 8, at 7:00 p.m. We will be electing new officers, also parents need to sign their children up for Christmas toys, ages 0 to 3. Contact Pat Morgan, 366-3165.

Bemo Baptist Church Food and Yard Sale. . .

Bemo Baptist Church will be having a food and yard sale on October 18 at the Church, located on 131st between Sheridan Rd. and Memorial Dr. near Bixby. The proceeds will go toward the Churches Christmas funds.

Note of Thanks. . .

The family of Andy Tecumseh wishes to thank everyone for their love and support during this time of sorrow.

Okmulgee Community Elects New Officers. . .

The Okmulgee Indian Community held its monthly business meeting October 13. Representatives Tony Hale and Richard Larney were in attendance. Hale and Larney stated they both appreciated the input from the community in matters that would benefit the community and Tribe as well. Another item on the agenda was the election of officers, they are: Bernice Hale, Chairperson; Chiquita Juneau, Vice-Chairperson; Gayle Bevenue, Treasurer; and Sherry Walton, Secretary.

In celebration of the anniversary of the Okmulgee Indian Community, Thanksgiving, Installation of new officers, and Appreciation of Cora Derrisaw for the many years she served as chairman, a dinner will be given November 10 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and bring a covered dish. The community will provide turkey and ham.

Christmas toys will be given out, contact Rachel Thomas, Creek Nation, PO.O Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447 or call 756-8700 ext. 244 for an application.

Patrick Moore Seeks Support of Creek Voters for Associate District Judge

Mvskoke este cate toyis, Okmulket ci hute tis, ahakv hayvlke en fvtcecv sv hvlhawecat em ohliketvn komis.

Ekvn tewarkv hahkvte vtekat este cate fvtcecv sv hvlhawecat em ohlikvte sekos komis.

Este mvskoke toyatskat vm vnicatsken omat es vcafvcke tares., vn satvks.

Ehole, nettv esostat, ohtholope cukpe rakko hvmken cukpe ostvpaken pale cenvpaken epohkakat. Cokv satkv tares. MVTO.

I am a Muskogee Indian, Okmulgee is my home. I am wanting the seat of the higher Judge of the law makers.

I do not believe there has been an Indian Judge in this category since statehood.

You Muskogee Indians all help me, vote for me. I will be happy to have your help.

November 4th, nineteen hundred, eighty six is election day (voting day) Thank you.

Patrick E. Moore, Okmulgee Attorney, is a candidate for Associate District Judge of Okmulgee County.

Moore has served as an Assistant District Attorney for Okmulgee and McIntosh Counties for the past 3 1/2 years with complete responsibility for all Criminal Juvenile action, Mental Health, Civil Suits and Federal Court Actions, Appeals to the Supreme Court and has been responsible for felony prosecution through jury trial from murder to burglary.

Moore is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association and licensed to practice law in Eastern, Northern and Western Districts of the United States District Court of Oklahoma, the United State Court of Appeals Tenth Circuit, The district and Supreme Courts of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the United States Tax Court and The Supreme Court of the United States of America.

Moore states he is most qualified for the office of Associate District Judge having handled 480 different cases and trials before the Associate Judge in all areas, including full criminal and civil trials.

-PUBLIC NOTICE-
Revenue Sharing Budget Hearing

A budget hearing will be held on November 4, 1986 for all interested citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The following budget is proposed.

CATEGORY	TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS
Tribal Government	$ 4,168,005
Economic Development	2,134,518
Health	6,063,836
Vocational Training	1,661,770
Education	2,869,218
Planning & Research	36,400
Community Development	1,486,264
Human Services	2,121,383
TOTAL	$ 20,541,394

REVENUE SHARING PROPOSED BUDGET
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NATIONAL COUNCIL		$ 29,239
Office Space	$ 26,277	
Lease on Copier	3,012	
CREEK NATION INDIAN RIDING CLUB		3,000
Uniforms	1,000	
Travel	1,000	
Portable pens	1,000	
CREEK NATION REALTY ADM.		119,050
Repair inside of Mound Bldg.	8,000	
Parking lots & side-walk; Construct or repair	40,000	
Replace 4" sewer lines	8,000	
Repair/Maint./Insurance/ Misc. costs at Tribal facilities that do not pay lease	40,000	
Repair & Maint. on Tribal Facilities	23,050	
TOTAL		$ 151,289

The meeting will be held at the Mound Building, Creek Nation Complex in Okmulgee for the purpose of discussion of the proposed budget at 2:00 P.M. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at the Creek Nation Complex in Okmulgee between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. All interested citizens will have the opportunity to give written and oral comment. Senior citizens are encouraged to attend and comment.

Choctaw-Chickasaw-Seminole-Cherokee-Creek:

Five-Tribes Discuss Swimmer Resignation Issue

The question whether to ask for the resignation of Ross Swimmer from the Assistant Secretary's position, Department of the Interior, was put before the Five Civilized Tribes Inter-tribal Council at their quarterly meeting held Otober 10 at the Chickasaw Motor Inn, Sulpher, Oklahoma.

This is the second time within a year this issue has come before the council. At one time, Swimmer served as President of the Inter-tribal and currently Wilma Mankiller, Cherokee Principal Chief is President. Chief Mankiller was not in attendance at this meeting. However, Cherokee delegates were present.

The Inter-tribal council is well known for their solidarity when acting on issues. Unless all the tribes agree, the Council will forego action. For this reason, the Five Civilized Tribes Inter-tribal Council cuts a powerful figure when they collectively assert a resolutionary decision. Following are the minutes from that meeting, verbatim:

BILL ANOATUBBY (ITC Chairman, Lt. Governor Chickasaw Nation)-We have one more issue regarding some action that was taken by the National Congress of the American Indians. Chief Cox would like to address that particular issue.

CLAUDE COX (Principal Chief Muscogee (Creek) Nation)- I might just tell you what happened at the National Congress of American Indians at Phoenix. The action that was taken out there was they asked for the Assistant Secretary's removal or resignation. It was quite detailed and it passed. I am asking at this time what action this organization would want to take in supporting the resolution that was passed out there.

He (Swimmer) was on the agenda out there and I was amazed at some of the things I heard. Of course, some of the things we've been going through since he came on board, is there has been a lot of policy change- so it seems that about every tribe in the United States has problems with him.

GOODLOW PROCTOR (ITC Cherokee delegate)- Mr. Chairman, I would like to say something about that. From looking at the Inter-tribal Council members, I can see that you are all going to vote no. You don't want to do that. The first day (NCAI Convention) was on a Monday and they did ask him why don't you ever support and ask questions why the administration is wanting something done to the Indians. He (Swimmer) believes that Reagan's Administration and believes in their philosophy, being well trained by Chief Cox's party and in our Governor's race, it looks like he (Swimmer) is going to come back and work for us in the State Department when Bellmon gets to be elected Governor. In looking at all your faces I think that we ought to consider that, he (Swimmer) may be your next assistant Attorney General. I think of all the good things he (Swimmer) has done for you and all the other Indians up in the Northwest and Northeast, Washington and California, Hopi's and the Navajo. . .you'r right, they all don't like, but, because he is Cherokee and because he has served with Governor James, Honorable Cox and all of you when you use to have the Inter-tribal health board and got your Eastern Health Board organized.

At the meeting we had at Seminole this was almost brought up then (asking for Swimmer's resignation), and Chief Roberts saved us. I'm glad they did because we Cherokees couldn't get our hands out of our pockets to vote. I think I'll leave my hands in my pockets again.

EDWIN TANYAN (Principal Chief Seminole Nation)- Mr. Chairman. When we split from the West and formed our own Eastern Health Board, I served on it. You are putting the Seminoles between a rock and a hard place. We just got through voting on a resolution for distribution. That has been hanging for ten years and it so happens that Ross is pushing for us and it is kind of hard to bite the tail of a guy when he is trying to do something for you. I know Ross, we've worked together. We've had our ups and downs before, all of us, but, we usually came together and got things worked out, but something that you have dealed the cards on us and we have a deuce in the hole right now, so to speak. . .and the pot is big. I would like to hold this up a little longer. I would like to get my money first.

AMON BAKER (ITC Cherokee delegate)- I want you to know that this kind of surprises me. I am going to throw it out anyway. At 8:30, I learned that this resolution was coming to the floor and being closely associated with Ross Swimmer as our Chief, I feel it is incumbent upon us, especially as representatives to this council to give some support to him. I know that he (Swimmer) is having some difficulty with the outlying tribes across the country, but when you stop and think about the position he is in. . .remember that he is in the old Indian Commissioner post and I recall some years ago that the tenure of the old Commissioner was about six to eight months. He (Swimmer) gets in the political crossfire and there is a lot of decisions he has to make to satisfy the people of other groups, but as a voting tribal member, I have to give him my support. His positives far outweigh the negatives of our tribe. I want to give him some moral support and I am going to have to vote.

OVERTON JAMES (Governor Chickasaw Nation)- I would like to say that I respect Amon and Goodlow's position. I know where they are coming from. . .and certainly I think they should support him. I can appreciate Chief Tanyan's position in not wanting to rock the boat now because he is about to get the big pay-off. ***I certainly will have to join with Chief Cox and with some of the others in saying that Ross Swimmer has not been good for the Indian people in the United States. He has not been good for the Indian tribes in Oklahoma. . . and certainly not been good for the Chickasaws. I can't support him, but I also feel that right now we are not in unison- not a hundred per cent on the council, so rather than have a resolution come forth and not have unanimous support, or not having perhaps a bare majority- I am going to recommend that we not take the resolution up at this time, but, I want the record to show how I feel about him.***

He needs to turn his train around and do some things that will benefit Indian people. I think he should resign and say, "MR. SECRETARY, I CAN'T DO THAT TO MY INDIAN PEOPLE, YOU WILL HAVE TO GET SOMEBODY ELSE TO DO IT" and if he can't call the shots and he's responsible for making those decisions. . .then I think he needs to reassess his position and do what is good for the Indian people of the United States.

BILL ANOATUBBY- There has been no resolution presented at his point, this has strictly been discussion, so unless a resolution is presented we will have no action.

GREG PYLE (Assistant Chief Choctaw Nation)- We have nothing further to say, other than we agreee with the Chickasaws. At this time, this may not be the most opportune time to send a resolution. We just agree with Governor James, ***that if the person***

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Resolution of the National Congress of American Indians Expressing No Confidence In and Urging the Resignation of Mr. Ross O. Swimmer as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior.

WHEREAS, Interior Assistant Secretary Ross O. Swimmer has demonstrated in numerous instances an utter lack of commitment to the letter and spirit of President Reagan's Indian Policy Statement of 1983, the cornerstone of which is a government-to-government relationship between the United States and the Indian and Native governments; and,

WHEREAS, key to a meaningful government-to-government relationship is cooperation, information sharing,open dialogue, proper diplomatic relations and consultation, especially regarding matters of importance in treaty, property, cultural and human rights; and,

WHEREAS, the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians in their 1986 Annual Convention enacted a resolution calling for the resignation of Interior Assistant Secretary Swimmer and have called upon the member Indian and Native governments to take a similar action, and four committees of the 43rd Annual Convention have endorsed and recommended this action; and,

WHEREAS, specific instances of Interior Assistant Secretary Swimmer's disregard of the principals of the government-to-government relationship and the President's Indian Policy Statement include the following:

1. the general failure to keep Indian and Native governments informed regarding important matters, including dismantling the Bureau of Indian Affairs Public Information Office and defunding the NCAI Fund's information dissemination and policy analysis program, which in recent decades kept Indian and Native governments and people informed of proposed federal actions in a timely fashion.

2. the failure to provide Indian and Native peoples with meaningful access to the Assistant Secretary's office and the refusal to conduct more than superficial meetings with Indian and Native leaders;

3. the decision, absent any consultation, to limit proposals to handle the investment of $1.7 billion in Indian and Native trust funds to six select banks, and the failure to engage in meaningful dialogue regarding this property right prior to or since announcing this decision;

4. the decision to prohibit key officials from the BIA central office and all Phoenix Area BIA participation in the Indian and Native Veteran's Outreach Business Development Seminar in conjunction with the 1986 Convention, which enjoyed the participation of some ten other federal agencies serving veteran's needs, and the decision to prohibit any top-level participation in the first National Indian and Native Archives Conference;

5. the proposal, developed without any Indian and Native consultation, to set all contract support cost rates at a fixed 15 per cent level, which is a transparent attempt to reduce the BIA budget for direct-to-tribes funding, which is illogical and impractical in management terms and which is in conflict with the federal policy of self-determination;

6. repeated undermining of tribal jurisdiction and sovereign rights, such as the Interior Assistant Secretary's atttempt to place certain educational and child welfare programs under state control and the attempt to put the Five Civilized Tribes under authority of Oklahoma and the refusal to place lands into trust status at their request;

7. the interior Assistant Secretary's recent dismissal of a lease cancellation petition filed by the Arapho and Shoshone Tribes of the Wind River Reservation, without affording the Tribes an opportunity to be heard, for the stated reason that such dismissal would facilitate a settlement of the matter when, instead, promptly following such dismissal the leases withdrew from settlement negotiations;

WHEREAS, in light of the foregoing, the Indian and Native governments have lost confidence in Mr. Swimmer and believe that the best interests of the Indian and Native nations in accordance with the President's 1983 Indian Policy Statement, and in accordance with federal laws and treaties protecting the Indian and Native governments and peoples;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Indian and Native governments and people assembled for the 43rd Annual National Congress of American Indians urge and demand the resignation and/or removal of Mr. Ross O. Swimmer as Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs.

Oklahoma Indian Legal Service:

OILS Offers Free Service On Indian Status Related Cases

A new plan for delivery of free legal services to Oklahoma Indian communities has recently been developed by the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) program.

OILS attorneys will circuit ride monthly to areas which are highly Indian populated. The Creek Nation is scheduled for the second Friday of each month. On that date, OILS attorneys will be available by appointment in the CN Office of Justice at the tribal complex.

OILS cannot represent persons in criminal matters, including felony cases, misdemeanor cases, and traffic violations. OILS generally takes only those cases which relate to the Indian status of the client, such as Indian land problems, Indian housing problems, mineral rights, tribal enrollment problems, determinations of heirship and probates (where potential significant Indian law issues are involved tribal sovereignty issues, hunting and fishing rights, water rights, and Indian child custody matters.

As a general rule, OILS will refer applicants to other attorneys if their cases don't involve Indian legal status, such as divorces, debt collections, consumer problems, personal injury cases, business activities, and contract disputes. However, OILS does accept routine adoptions and birth certificate amendments, if the client is willing to be placed on a waiting list.

Indians having a legal problem who want an appointment should call the OILS office collect for more information a 405/528-5500 or contact the CN Office of Justice 918/756-8700.

The OILS staff is composed entirely of Indian attorneys and support staff under the direction of Susan Work Haney who is a member of the Choctaw Nation. Haney will continue her legal efforts in eastern Oklahoma while serving as the OILS director.

Two members of the Muscogee Nation are on staff. Leah Harjo, 1/2 Creek-1/2 Yuchi, is a new staff attorney. She was formerly employed by Legal Aid of Western Oklahoma in Shawnee. Leah graduated from Creighton School of Law, Omaha, Nebraska in 1985 and passed the Oklahoma Bar examination later that same year.

While in law school, she served two summers, 1983-84, as a legal intern with the CN Office of Justice. Leah is from Holdenville and is the daughter of the late Thompson Harjo and Elouise Proctor, and the niece of Betty Reed.

Leah states she is very pleased to be working with such a worthwhile organization as OILS. . .she will be serving the eastern region of the state and hopes the Indian people in this area will utilize the legal services offered them through this program.

Thomasene Wind, 29/32 Creek-3/32 Yuchi, has been employed the past year with OILS as a legal secretary. She is a graduate of Weleetka High School and is the daughter of Monroe and Josephine Wind of Okemah.

Long time staff attorney, Judy Lewis, is a member of the Onodaga Nation and specializes in Indian child welfare cases.

Henry Ware will begin employment with OILS in late October. Ware is a Kiowa graduate of Antioch Law School who has worked during the past year for the National Congress of American Indians. He will become a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association next spring, upon his successful completion of the bar exam, and will serve as permanent staff attorney for western Oklahoma.

Wendell Sutton, the third member of the legal team, is a member of the Cherokee Nation. Sutton has been hired to serve as a law clerk and support attorney, due to skills in research and writing he acquired as a research assistant for the Appellate Public Defenders Office as a law clerk for Judge Brett at the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals.

Iverine Currier, a member of the Comanche Tribe, was recently hired as administrative assistant at OILS.

Due to limited time and resources of OILS, attorneys will appear at a circuit riding site on the regularly scheduled date only if appointments have been made. Walk-in appointments will be accepted only if time allows.

The scheduled sites are: Tahlequah (1st Friday monthly); Ada (2nd Friday monthly); Okmulgee (2nd Friday monthly); Durant (4th Friday monthly); Ponca City (1st Thursday monthly); Lawton and Anadarko (4th Friday monthly); and Tulsa (3rd Thursday monthly).

Appointments will also be scheduled on an individual basis in Oklahoma City, Concho and Seminole. Under the new plan, OILS attorneys will continue to receive referrals from the two other legal service organizations in the state, Legal Aid of Western Oklahoma and Legal Services of Eastern Oklahoma. OILS is federally funded by the Legal Services Corporation.

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Five Tribes Inter-tribal Council

calling the shots for the entire nation in Washington is being dictated to by the administration (Republican), then we don't feel they should be there. They should have some puppet there, if that is the case, then the person has got to be strong enough to stand up to them, whatever the case, HE IS CHARGED TO DO WHAT IS BEST FOR THE INDIAN PEOPLE, WHETHER THAT IS FIGHT THE ADMINISTRATION OR LEAVE. When you are in that kind of position, you've got to make a stand. Either he works for the Indian people or he gets out of the administration!

CHIEF COX— I've worked with Ross a long time, I think all the Chiefs here have and we understand the situation. I know we are really disappointed on a lot of things that have happened recently. ***We (the Inter-tribal governing body) went up to Washington and met with him on the bingo issue and taking land in trust. . .and I guarantee you, by golly, if we had some land we wanted to get rid of, I'll bet it wouldn't take that long to get rid of it. (Indicated by a snap of the fingers)*** We can't get land in trust for the tribe, this is one of our biggest problems. . .and he doesn't support bingo. I can't understand the man and why he has turned around so. I kind of think that he should be up there fighting for us and if they (administration) are putting the pressure on him, I couldn't come back and face my people like that. I can't see why we have gone all these years and we haven't had any problems getting land in trust. We've bought several tracts of land and put in trust. After he (Swimmer) got in there, everything has to go up there and he has to approve it and just picks it to death.

After we had the meeting in Washington, we got two (parcels of land placed in trust) that are coming down out of seven. They are all vital pieces of property to serve our people, places where we provide services to our people in eight counties and we need them in trust to protect the investments that we have in our tribal members.

GOODLOW SAYS: "Well he might be going to be our Governor of the State of Oklahoma." I just got to thinking, maybe that is what he is planning and he doesn't want to lose control of the enemies. To hear what went on out there in Phoenix, seems like he (Swimmer) wants to be Chief of all the tribes. So, if he is not going to be up there in two more years and he wants to come back and run for some office in Oklahoma and put us under state control, which was pointed out in Phoenix. . .well, we don't want to be under state control. We want to remain a sovereign people, and retain the government-to-government relationship we have with the federal government. I think we got to look at this. A lot of what we go through with, a lot of you don't understand and I can't see why there is all at once this turn around. You can't get your land in trust. . .don't support bingo. . .and you can't even develop your land if it is in trust. I say that we can develop it and real fast if we just had their (administration) support. . .

Fifty Creek Students Enrolled at Bacone

Fifty Creek students are enrolled for the fall semester at Bacone. College in Muskogee, according to the Office of the Registrar.

Students attending the two-year college include Tonya Berryhill, Melissa Burgess, Lorraine Fish, Joe Jackson and Eddie Lowe, all of Okmulgee; Cheryl Billy, Cynthia Billy and Eugenia Lowe, all of Holdenville; Elwin Postoak, Mark Randolph and Naomi Tiger, Tulsa.

Also, Kendra Brown, Gregory Custer, Danette Diaz, Shelly Doyle and Steven Starr, all of Muskogee; Cheryle Baker and Harvey Johnson, Tahlequah; Marcy Fox and June Johnson, Checotah; Robbie Belcher, Margaret Floyd and Wilma Hill, Eufaula; Abilene Brown and Tony Lena, Seminole; David Birdcreek, Jimmy King and Lisa King, Henryetta; Stephanie Harjo, Ramona Remis and Paula Thomas, Wetumka; Charles Henneha and Traci Walker, Wewoka.

Also enrolled at Bacone are Stephanie Barnett, Shawnee; Rena Brown, Indianola; Angela Factor, Stroud; Delena Gipson, Broken Arrow; Velda Harland, Coweta; Hettie Mae Hicks, Okemah; Brian McCoy, Sallisaw; Ramona Roberts, Sapulpa; Clifford Sands, Castle; Cheryl Tiger, Cushing; Mark Tiger, Weleetka; Emma Turtle, Stilwell; Dion Washington, El Reno; Kevin Watson, Dewar; Teka Wesley, Fort Gibson; Cheryl Whinery, Kellyville; and Lynn Womack, Hulbert.

Bacone College, founded in 1880 in Tahlequah, Indian Territory, moved to its present location in 1885. The land upon which the college is situated was a gift from the Muscogee Tribal Council. The college has a rich heritage in providing higher education for American Indian students.

Colorado Indian Market Now Accepting 1987 Applications

An annual Rocky Mountain rendezvous of Tribal Nations, Colorado Indian Market is a festival and showcase of Native American arts, dance, culture and cuisine. Application information for artists, performers, demonstrators and Native food vendors from any Tribe of the Americas is available from:

Colorado Indian Market POB 13006, Boulder, CO 80303
(303) 447-9967

Two markets are scheduled for 1987 in Currigan Exhibition Hall in Denver's Performing Arts Complex:

WINTER MARKET January 16-18 ***SUMMER MARKET July 2-5***

The 7th Annual Summer Market is an important juried show for visual and performing artists, with major recognition and cash awards. Summer Market coincides with Denver's exciting downtown July 4th activities at the Performing Arts Complex. Winter Market coincides with the world's largest livestock show and rodeo, Denver's 81st Annual National Western Stockshow, which attracts 400,000 attendance from 50 states and 32 foreign countries.

'Inactive' Voters Can Vote in Nov. General

Registered voters who learn they are classified as 'inactive' voters shouldn't be alarmed, state Election Board Secretary Lee Slater said.

The 'inactive' classification is for record-keeping purposes and has no effect whatsoever on an individual's eligibility to vote in the 1986 elections, Slater said.

In fact, any 'inactive' voter who does vote in the primary, runoff primary or general election automatically is reclassified as an 'active' voter.

Slater said the new classification, 'active' and 'inactive' voters, went into effect on June 1, 1985, as part of a new statewide system for cancelling the voter registrations of persons who fail to vote over a period of time.

"The way the new system works, in most cases, is that a voter who fails to vote in a statewide election during a four-year period is classified as an 'inactive' voter," Slater said. "To become an 'active' voter again, all that person must do is to vote in one of the upcoming elections."

Slater said there are many reasons why voters may miss voting in elections. Under the new law, voters generally would have to fail to vote in statewide elections for an eight-year period- spanning two presidential elections- before their registrations would be cancelled.

Slater said the new law is more generous than the old one.

"It is a lot more trouble for county elections boards in terms of record-keeping," he said. "But, it is a better deal for the voters. And it represents a cost saving to the county, since many of these voters previously had to re-register at a minimum of 75 cents each."

Slater said the important thing for voters to remember is that there is no distinction in eligibility between 'active' and 'inactive' voters, and that the simplest way to remain eligible to vote is to vote regularly.

OKC Native American 1987 Celebration Set

A major celebration for Native American culture is being organized in Oklahoma City. The multi-nation event scheduled for June 5-7, 1987 will include an Indian Arts and Crafts Festival and National Dance Competition.

"We envision an annual event of major proportion, with enormous visitor appeal, that would focus positive worldwide attention on our Native American Culture," said Yvonne Kauger, Oklahoma Supreme Court Justice. Kauger, along with Wm. Kenneth Bonds, Vice Chairman of the Economic and Community Develoment Division of the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in organizing the first planning meeting for the event.

Fundraising for the Indian Festival is underway, with a first year goal of $350,000. The committee will be soliciting sponsorship from corporations, associations, organizations, governmental entities, as well as individuals.

***BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL IS CONDUCTING A NATIONWIDE EFFORT** to capture Colorado's 3rd District U.S. Congressional seat. Campbell (center) is looking to fellow Indians to help him finance his campaign as he talks with Joe De La Cruz, Quinalt Tribe (right) and Oren Lyons, Faithkeeper Onodaga Nation (left) at the National Congress of American Indians annual convention held recently in Phoenix. This is the first time a national effort has been made by Indians to elect an Indian candidate.*

Northern Cheyenne is Candidate For Colorado's U.S. Congressional Seat

By Helen Chalakee

For the past few months, Ben Nighthorse Campbell has been blazing a new trail across the Nation. The 54 year-old, Northern Cheyenne is in search of financial support from fellow Indians to help finance his bid for Colorado's 3rd district U.S. congressional seat.

He is gaining national Indian recognition through the use of his Indian middle name- Nighthorse. His campaign is drawing support from a spectrum of Indian people ranging from tribal leaders, artisans, professionals, entertainers, political action groups and other Indian politicans.

An identifiable Indian has not been seated in Congress for 16 years. This national Indian support could provide the significant edge to put Ben Nighthorse Campbell in this strategic political position. According to campaign workers, if elected, Campbell will most likely seek an appointment on the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs. This committee deals with all the national Indian issues.

One of Campbell's more recent appearances was at the National Congress of American Indians Youth Banquet at the annual convention in Phoenix. The evening before, he was in Washington, D.C. for a fund-raiser and the evening before that, he was in New York for another fund-raiser in his behalf.

At these and other events, Native American leaders are pledging financial support. His first contribution from a political action group was the "Women of Indian Nations". Letters to tribal councils nationwide have led to donations from the Southern Utes in Colorado and the Oneidas in Wisconsin

Campbell has also received support offerings from a California Tribal Chairman's Association, the Lumbee Tribe and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe.

Campbell has served two terms in Colorado's House of Representatives which is affording him some name recognition with the non-Indians in his area. He is pitted against a Princeton-educated, rancher-stock broker, incumbent Congressman who entered state politics a decade ahead of Campbell.

Campbell got into politics quite by accident, by virtue of bad weather. One Spring day before the 1982 election, a storm grounded the light plane Campbell was piloting at the Durango airport for several hours. Having nothing better to do, he wandered into a Democratic gathering, and wandered out several hours later amazed at himself for agreeing to run for Colorado's House District 59.

Campbell made no promises except that he would try to help. He won by 1,225 votes, and two years later was reelected by 8,847 in a contest that was no-contest.

As the November general election approaches, Campbell is given an even chance to be the next Congressional representative in what the media is calling a cowboy-and-Indian matchup that is attracting national political attention.

The last Indian to serve in Congress was Ben Reifel of South Dakota. In all, only seven Native Americans have held Congressional seats. Campbell is only the second legislator of Indian descent to serve in the Colorado General Assembly.

Campbell says he is proud of his ethnic heritage, but he avoids ethnic appeals in campaigning because most people dislike special interest groups except the one they belong to.

He describes himself as "an American who happens to be Indian." Campbell's political style neither emphasizes, nor ignores his Indian heritage. He is described as a conservative, not always in concert with his own Democratic party, a rancher who is sympathic about the financial plight of other ranchers and farmers, and an Indian who believes his brothers and sisters must work harder to help themselves.

His campaign is focused on water for southwestern Colorado and agreements between Indians and their Colorado neighbors on what should be developed and what should not. He plans to focus on jobs for all Coloradoans, not just Indians, and not just urban dwellers.

Campbell is known for selecting his words carefully and speaking infrequently. Once when a colleague described how water policy evolved "from the wild West," Campbell, an authority on Indian water rights, replied, "It didn't get wild until you white guys showed up."

Until two years ago, Campbell wore traditional long hair. Last March at the Denver Pow Wow, many of his political followers and friends attended to watch him clad in white beaded buckskin, wearing a double tailed Cheyenne war bonnet given to him by his tribe (each of the seventy-two feathers commemorating a judo victory) lead some 3,000 dancers, drummers and singers into the Denver Coliseum.

"It's good to touch base with our heritage once in a while," he said after the ceremony, summing up his feelings about his culture and his work... "It's good to put on the paint and buckskin to reaffirm where we came from, and when it's all over, you wipe off the paint and put on your suit and tie and go back to work."

***EDITOR'S NOTE:** Anyone wanting to make a political contribution to help Ben Nighthorse Campbell become elected to the U.S. Congress should mail their offering to: AMERICAN INDIANS FOR BEN NIGHTHORSE CAMPBELL, 12612-A E. WARREN DRIVE AURORA, COLORADO 80014.*

JESSE WOOD, SAPULPA TEENAGER WHO WAS CRITICALLY INJURED TWO YEARS AGO IN A DIVING ACCIDENT, spends his days confined to bed and dependent upon a respirator. The accident, which left him paralyzed, shattered the 19-year old's hopes for a bright future. But through the support and encouragement of friends and family, Jesse continues to struggle valiantly for a better outlook. Providing care and emotional support are his mother, Francis, right, and nurse Donna Doyle.

Uncertain Future Faces Creek Teen Paralyzed In Diving Mishap

By Kathryn Bell

To update the article MNN did on Sapulpa teenager, Jesse Wood, who was critically injured in a diving accident occurring on the Illinois River almost two years ago, a visit was made to Jesse's home recently where the youth continues to live via a respirator and the tireless vigil of his nurse Donna Doyle and his mother, Francis Wood.

Paralyzed and emaciated, the youth, who has been out of the hospital (Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City) for a year now. That year has not been an easy one for him or his mother, who is in poor health as well. Mrs. Wood suffers from diabetes and high blood pressure.

She has now developed Bell's palasy, which has paralyzed one side of her face and has affected the vision in one of her eyes.

The constant strain and anxiety of being a physical and emotional support for her 19-year old son has taken a heavy toll. But with a cheerful spirit, and aided by a fulltime nurse in the home, whose commitment to Jesse is an emotional support for Mrs. Wood, both are providing the 24-hour care that Jesse requires.

The nurse is in the home from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.. Mrs. Wood rarely leaves the side of her son, who is confined to a garage-converted room especially equipped for his complex medical needs.

After the recent publication of an article on the teenager's courage in struggling to overcome his hardship, done by a major national tabloid, over 8,000 pieces of mail and presents flooded in in support of Jesse and his mother. Rock Star Madonna and Comedian Bill Cosby were among the many celebrities that sent notes or mementos. Each piece of these outpourings of love and support are precious to Jesse and his mother.

Jesse's condition worsens from time to time due to various medical complications such as kidney stones and hernia, which he recently had to undergo surgery for. In addition to these complications, mechanical failure of his respirator apparatus has put his life in jeopardy several times. Julie, Jesse's 13-year old sister was credited with saving her brother's life by manually operating the respirator when it malfunctioned recently. As a result of the respirator accident, Mrs. Wood has moved her bed into the living room adjoining Jesse's room - " I have worn out I don't know how many couches," she wearily laughed.

Nurse Doyle, who confided that Jesse was not cooperative with his previous non-Indian nurses, has a special place in her heart for Jesse- "I have a 12-year old son and Jesse is just like another son to me. I stopped working with my other patients to work with Jesse. He is in my thoughts all of the time.

Jesse, who was able to graduate with his senior class in 1985, was taking telecourses from Tulsa Junior College. But due to his ordeal and his wish to be apart from others, he has stopped taking the courses and rarely sees anyone. A few friends still stop by and the few excursions that Jesse was able to go on, through an ordeal of preparation from his nurse and mother, have also ceased - " I wish that we could go out away from the home, because it would be good for him," said his nurse, " but it takes several hours just to get him up and dressed - it's too much for him..."

Mrs. Wood said that she is afraid that her normally shy son is in a stage of bitterness over the accident's traumatic effect on him. She said he does get some enjoyment from watching countless sporting events on his VCR - Jesse was a good athlete and loved sports of all kinds before the accident.

Sports figures and teams still send Jesse caps, penants, and other sporting mementos, of which his room is full. He recently received an encouraging telephone call from the Canadian Expo's physician- one of his favorite teams.

The financial hardship to the Wood family is staggering - the astronomical medical bills are hardly dented by the meager sole source of income - Social Security and the VA. The state, however, pays for the nursing services. Mrs. Wood cannot work because of Jesse's care and her own medical condition. Jesse's father was killed years earlier in a fire. The utilities have tripled for Mrs. Wood due to the life-sustaining equipment, and all other sources of revenue have been exhausted.

Inspite of an almost hopeless situation, Mrs. Wood says they will manage and that putting Jesse in a nursing home is not an option, she points out firmly. "I'm not going to ever do something like that - I'll stay up around the clock to take care of him by myself, before I let that happen." She would undoubtebly back that conviction up with action.

If you would like to drop a note of encouragement to Jesse or his mother, their address is: 708 N. Hickory, Sapulpa, OK, 74066. Their number is 1-918-224-8906.

Education Grants Awarded to AIRD

The American Indian research and Development, Inc (AIRD,Inc.) of Norman, Oklahoma has been awarded two grants from the U.S. education department, Indian education programs office. The two grant awards total $328,429.00 and are to provide educational services to gifted and talented American Indian students in Oklahoma and 14 other states. AIRD, Inc. was incorporated in 1982 and has, over the last three years, developed and operated special programs for gifted Indian youth.

AIRD, Inc. Vice-President, Mary Ann Brittan, will be Project Director for the weekends for Indian Scholar Enrichment (Wise) Project. This project will provide educational programming for up to 300 secondary Indian students in Oklahoma during the course of the 1986-87 school year. "We are planning to have our initial weekend series (3 weekends) beginning in late October or early November" stated Ms. Brittan.

The second project for AIRD, Inc, is project future flight: Experiences in excellence, a summer program for 200 Indian gifted and talented students from Oklahoma and 14 other states. "We initiated our summer program this past summer at Riverside Indian school and we had Indian students from Oklahoma and Kansas" stated Stuart A. Tonemah, AIRD, Inc, President and project director for Project Future Flight. "This year's grant is to expand our student population by 100, extend the length of the program (to 6 weeks), and add students in grade 7 and 8. We will have a three week program for 100 students who will be in grades 7,8, and 9 in school year 1987-88 and another three week program for students in grades 10,11, and 12" he added.

AIRD, Inc's initial summer program, explorations in creativity (EIC), completed in Mid-August,1986, was ajudged a success by students, staff and parents. Final evaluations on EIC have not been completed but preliminary reports indicate positive perceptions of EIC and positive student academic gains for those students who completed their four-week course of study.

AIRD, Inc, will be calling for student nominations for project wise soon and for project future flight or (EIC II) in late November. Anyone seeking additional information on either program can contact Ms. Brittan or Mr. Tonemah by calling (405) 364-0656 or writing AIRD, Inc. at 1634 Halley Drive, Bldg. 801, Norman, Ok 73069.

American Indian Athletes. . .

A slide show about great American Indian athletes has been developed by James W. McIntosh, Hulbert, Ok. It includes a very informative history about schools, individual Indian athletes, teams and their accomplishments. The presentation lasts from 30 minutes to one hour and has been given to elementary, junior high and high school students. For more information contact McIntosh at: American Indian Athletes Research, Route 3, Box 32, Hulbert, OK 74441

Bigpond Ordained into Gospel Ministry by Morning Star Music Ministries

By Anita Tecumseh

Ordination services for Negiel L. Bigpond, were held September 11, at the Creek Nation Mound Auditorium. Negiel was presented for ordination by the members and trustees of Morning Star Music Ministries, of which Negiel has been the President since its incorporation in March of 1984. This past July, Negiel entered into the Gospel Ministry full time, after being employed with the Public Service Co. of Oklahoma for nine years.

Negiel has been active in the prison ministry for the past year and a half, visiting the inmates, on death row and going cell to cell as well as holding services in the Trustees Chapel. His desire is to minister to the Indian inmates, but inmates of other races look forward to his visits also.

The ordination service was conducted by Brother George Autaubo, Vice-President of the Ministry, with Rev. Tim Bigpond pastor of the Broken Arrow Indian Methodist Church and Rev. Jimmy B. Hill pastor of the Yardeka Indian Baptist Church, both are counselors of gave the exhortation and Rev. Bigpond gave the Charge to Brother Negiel concerning the Ministry in which he is called. Brother Negiel's wife Jan, then joined him showing her support of the ministry. Rev. Bigpond and Rev. Hill then laid their hands on Brother Negiel to indicate approval and agreement of this Ordination. Negiel's parents, Rev. Roy Bigpond, pastor of Tulsa Indian Methodist Church and Lilly Cox also joined him for a final prayer of dedication.

The Ordination service include a Praise and worship service lead by Kathy Brown, and special music was offered by Larry Baker, Rev. Jeanette Cotey, Rev. Mary Fish, and Elly Kaari. Special acknowledgement was made of the presences of the following ministers, Rev. Jeanette Cotey, Rev. Mary Fish, Rev. Tom Berryhill, Sr., Rev. Tom Berryhill, Jr., Rev. George Autaubo,Sr., Rev. Roy Bigpond, and Rev. Charley Simmers.

As reception and fellowship followed the service.

NEGIEL BIGPOND, LEFT, RECEIVES A CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION from Rev. Tim Bigpond during an Ordination Ceremony for Bigpond, head of Morning Star Ministries, Inc., held September 11 in the Mound Building. Witnessing the presentation is Rev. Bunny Hill. Present with her son during the ceremony is Mrs. Lilly Cox.

Creek Artist Receives Heritage Award

By Kathryn Bell

Winning the Creek Heritage Award of the 1986 Five Civilized Tribes Competitive Art Show, Tommy Steinsiek, Creek-Cherokee, also received a cash award in the Division II category for the same pencil drawing. "Seed of Our Nation," depicting the cycles in the life of an elderly Indian woman, was selected on the basis of how accurately it reflected Creek culture.

Steinsiek, 33, formerly artist-on-staff with the CN Communications Dept., before devoting fulltime to her art, was among 44 artists and 113 entries in this year's show which was sponsored by the Fort Howard Paper Foundation, Inc.

The Okmulgee artist, who has no formal art training, said this was her sixth year to enter the Five Tribes Show, and that she has progressed each year in the Division awards. She contributes the accuracy with which she portrays her tribal culture to research and study of photographs of the mostly elderly and young Indians, who are her main subjects to paint or draw. She works in watercolor, ink and pen and pencil.

Of her art, Steinsiek remarked - "the only thing that means anything at all to me is that the person who views one of my pieces, be moved by what I am trying to express - whether it be the dignity and wisdom of our Indian elderly, the loving trust and innocence of the child or the humor that is so much apart of our people..."

The artist was born and raised in Morris, OK and lives in Okmulgee with her two children, Tate,8, and Tasy,3 and husband, Butch, whom she said is her main source of motivation and encouragement.

The Heritage Awards, judged this year by Dr. Ruth Arrington, Creek and professor at Northeastern State University, are awarded to encourage artists to preserve tribal history, culture and the arts through their purest and truest form in Indian paintings and sculpture.

The 1986 Heritage Award recipients were; Heritage Grand Award - Jesse T. Hummingbird, Creek Heritage Award - Tommy Steinsiek, Cherokee Heritage Award - Ed Rackleff, Choctaw Heritage Award - Gordon Folsom, Jr., Chickasaw Heritage Award - Gene Williams, and Seminole Heritage Award - Gerald Stone.

The Show's top award, the Grand Award, which carrys a $500 prize, was won by Francie Fite, Cherokee artist.

All artists entered into this year's show were honored at a Reception at the Five Tribes Museum in Muskogee on September 20. Later in the evening, the awards were presented and the art work shown.

Lynn Thormley, Art Coordinator for the Museum was delighted with this year's entries and stated that the competitive show, which was created in 1967, had progressively grown in numbers of entries each year - "This year,$6,000 in prize money was awarded to Indian artists, so that is a good indication of the magnitude of our shows."

CREEK-CHEROKEE ARTIST TOMMY STEINSIEK, IS PRESENTED THE PRESTIGIOUS CREEK HERITAGE AWARD FROM THE FIVE TRIBES ART SHOW, FROM PHIL LUTIN, a representative of the Howard Paper Foundation, Inc., this year's sponsor of the annual competitive Indian art show held by the Five Tribes Museum in Muskogee.

Indian Arts Registry Selects New Director

The Board of Directors of The American Indian Registry For The Performing Arts has announced the selection of Nancy M. Tuthill Esq., as new Executive Director of this national arts service organization.

Harry Waterson, Board President, said Tuthill was chosen for the position following a nation wide search.

Tuthill, a Quapaw-Shawnee attorney, is the former Executive Director of the American Indian Law Center, Inc., of Albuquerque, New Mexico. During her 10 year tenure at the Law Center she became nationally known for her work in Indian Child Welfare, as well as many other aspects of Federal Indian Law. As an Adjunct Professor at the University of New Mexico's School ow Law she taught such courses as Federal Indian Law and Indian Child Welfare Issues, and most recently, Problems in Entertainment Law. Ms. Tuthill also served as attorney for the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma in 1983 and 1984.

Tuthill's experience in Entertainment Law provides the Registry with an added dimension in facilitating employment of American Indians and Native Alaskans in the entertainment industry, Waterson pointed out.

"I am very excited about the prospect of assisting American Indians and Native Alaskans in the entertainment industry," Tuthill said. "I know there are many talented Indian actors, as well as creative and technical people, who are anxious to secure employment in this industry. I want to make sure this happens. I'm pleased to be a part of a positive movement to raise the consciousness of this industry and mainstream society about the American Indian and Native Alaskan as real people and not just a 19th Century perspective. The industry must assume the repsonsibility to make this happen and it must be now."

RICHARD RAY (WHITMAN), YUCHI ARTIST, explains one of his color photographic posterizations in a series of the people of Big Mountain. This collection, as well as black and white photography combined with Ray's poetry entitled the "Street Chief Series," are currently on display in a traveling exhibit of Native American art in New York City. That exhibit will come to Central State University in Edmond in January.

Artist Captures the Natural World/ Inner Consciousness of His People

By Kathryn Bell

Richard Ray (Whitman) is gaining national recognition as an outstanding, versatile Indian artist who uses paintings, poetry and photography to express his sense of Indian consciousness.

Currently, his work is on display in New York City as part of a traveling exhibit entitled "We Are Always Going Back Home." This exhibit, which also features five other Indian artists, will come to Central State University, Edmond, in January.

Ray, a Yuchi Indian enrolled with the Creek Nation, combines poetry with black and white photography for his "Street Chief Series, " recently exhibited at the Hulsey Gallery at the Oklahoma City University. The "Makers" exhibit featured the work of three other Oklahoma Indian artists.

In addition to his "Street Chief Series," Ray's work also included large format, color posterizations of the people of Big Mountain, as well as mixed media paintings.

The "Street Chief Series" was done over a ten year period and poignantly depicts the Indian derelicts that frequent the skid row section of Oklahoma City - with all the pathos and stark reality of the lives of these men in whom Ray has found, despite their living on the fringe, have a profound sense of indominable spirit, dignity and a quality of inner peace and beauty. Ray captures, in stark, jarring images, the moment-to-moment living of these men whose concern is for today, never worrying about the consequence of tomorrow. "Through my photographing these men, I got to know all of them, and I have a certain kind of respect for their unchanging attitudes..." said Ray, whose first encounter with the derelicts on OKC's California and Reno Streets, occured during a bus layover at Oklahoma City - "I had never seen Indians in an urban skid row setting before," remarked the artist, who later moved to Oklahoma City. "From this experience, I started to comprehend the relocation process imposed upon many of our people."

Commenting on the lifestyles of the subjects he photographed for his "Street Chief Series" - "These men do not consider that their lot in life is that devastating - they aren't defeatist - but just consider themselves "down on their luck". Actually, they have less stress and worry than a lot of us."

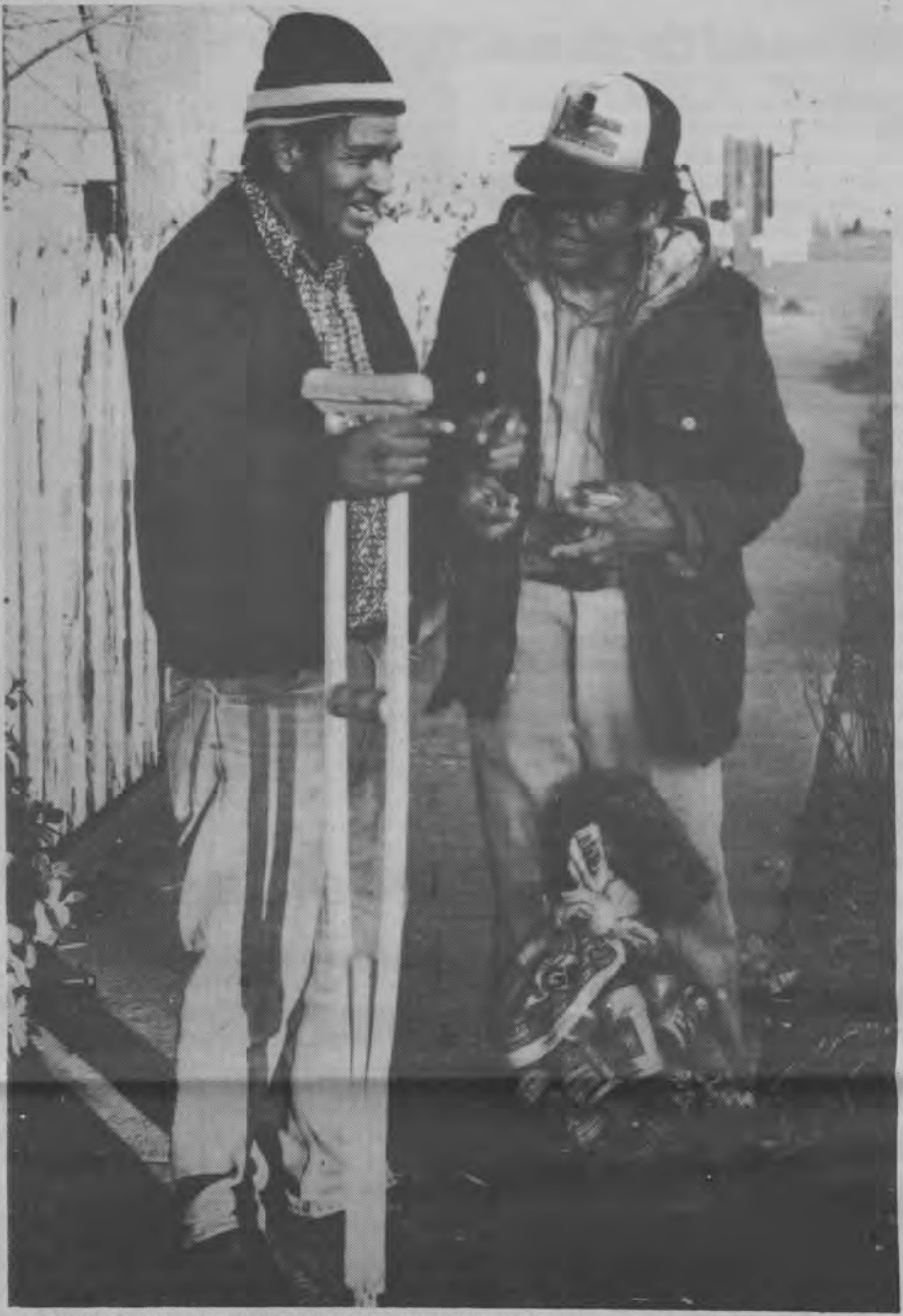
Ray refutes the idea that the series is negative to Indian image, as some non-Indian critics have proposed - "Some of the non-Indians who have viewed the exhibit feel that my series was not in keeping with their image of an Indian and therefore was negative - but this is not true because this is one very real aspect of how some of our people live - basically the Indian community understands this." Ray added that the non-Indian rejection of what he sees as part of his people's experience does not bother him personally or deter him from pursueing his art - "We will always be at variance with society as long as they persist in seeing us totally from their own perspective - which is for the most part, incorrect."

The 37 year-old artist was born in Bristow, Oklahoma and raised in the home of his grandmother, Polly Long, whom Ray credits with rearing him "according to Indian sensitivity. His mother is Irene Brown.

Ray's art training was completed at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, the California Institute of Arts and the Oklahoma School of Photography in Oklahoma City.

Politically involved, Ray has immersed himself in the struggle for betterment of his people. He has served as "Artist in the People's Struggle" in retaining tribal identities and reverence for the natural world at Wounded Knee in 1973, works with the Big Mountain Support Group, and other groups and organizations that advocate and impact on Indian issues and rights. He has been active, as well, in the Poetry and Visual Presentations program of the Oklahoma State and Federal Penal System.

Ray is employed presently with The Native American Center in Oklahoma City as a counselor with their Youth Services. He and his wife and four children live in Oklahoma City.



ENJOYING THE SIMPLE PLEASURES OF THE "SMOKE BREAK," this black and white photograph, one of sixteen in a series entitled "Street Chief," depicts the American Indian derelicts who make their home in the old warehouse district of Oklahoma City.

Poetry by Richard Ray-

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Early this morning (Sunday)
As I lay in the red-banked ditch,
I saw Jesus Christ drive by
On a John Deere tractor
He just nodded and smiled...
went over the hill to the sunrise,
You know it didn't take him to
Get myself up.

Hey Chief. . .

Being ourselves mercilessly
while depradations against our own
blood and flesh go on endlessly . . .

Drinking ourselves sober
until we could only feel pain . . .

We survive on any terms
but we live. . . we live . . .

Not as
privileged subjects of anthropologist
but as children of the sun . . .

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It's hard to feel the winds
when you're sitting in some
welfare office,
But I am not a case,
It's hard to see the mountains
when you're setting in some
employment office,
I am not a number.

Sure I got Indian roll number
Sure I got social security number
Sure I got selective service number
No I do not have an outside income,
No, I am not insane...crazy, yes
Nor do I have TB, I did dropout,
I did not overthrow the govt (lately)
and I did get fired...

But there is a tall cottonwood tree I
know and this morning I listened
to the mockingbird sing,

To die is not the end...to die is not
the end

A man if there still is such,
A warrior when there was such a day,
In times of desperation,
When we gather and would be wild...

I want to smell like a wolf again,
When I was young and the earth was
my freedom...

History of the American Indian Horse

The history of the American Indian Horse is a long and colorful one. It is generally agreed by historians that the Spanish brought the horse to the new world (America) in the 1500's. These horses were primarily of Barb, Arabian and Andalusian blood.

The horse was indispensible to the conquest of Mexico by Cortez. Indians of that era had never seen horses and to them the horse and rider team were a godlike being. To try and keep this belief it was illegal for some years for an Indian to ride a horse, much less own one. However, in time, with the spread of the horse and the Spanish ranchos, the Indian did acquire this "Big Dog" or "God Dog" for their own.

The acquisition of the horse changed the Indian's way of life, transforming him from a plodding pedestrian to a nomadic hunter and warrior. The horse brought about a culture totally dependant upon themselves. Before the coming of the horse, the Indian tribes had used dogs for carrying small portable shelters; after the coming of the horse the portable shelters became large decorative tipis. Hunting took on a different form also. Before the horse the main way of hunting was to run a herd of buffalo or deer over a cliff. After the arrival of the horse the Indians could hunt from horseback, choosing only the most desirable of targets for their prey.

Horse stealinq between the tribes became the number one sport particularly among the plains tribes (the primary horse tribes). The Comanches, considered by many authorities on Indian life of that time to be the finest horsemen on the Plains, stole horses from their neighbors by the hundreds.

Many religious ceremonies were based on the horse and its contribution to the life of the Indian. One of the most interesting was the horse medicine cult practiced by most Plains tribes. The Oglala Dakota tribe had an elaborate horse medicine cult which included a dance in imitation of horses. The Oglala used horse medicine to influence the outcome of horse races, to cure sick and wounded horses, to calm a fractious horse and to make broodmares have fine foals. Horse medicine men were among the most respected men in the Plains tribes.

Frederic Remington, artist and writer, said of the horse in 1888 (HORSES OF THE PLAINS, Century Magazine) "One thing is certain; of all the monuments which the Spaniard has left there will be none more worthy than his horse...the Spaniard's horses may be found to-day in countless thousands, from the city of the Montezumas to the regions of perpetual snow; they are grafted into our equine wealth and make an important impression on the horse of the country. He has borne the Moor, the Spanish conqueror, the Indian, the mountain man, and the vaquero through all the glories of their careers."

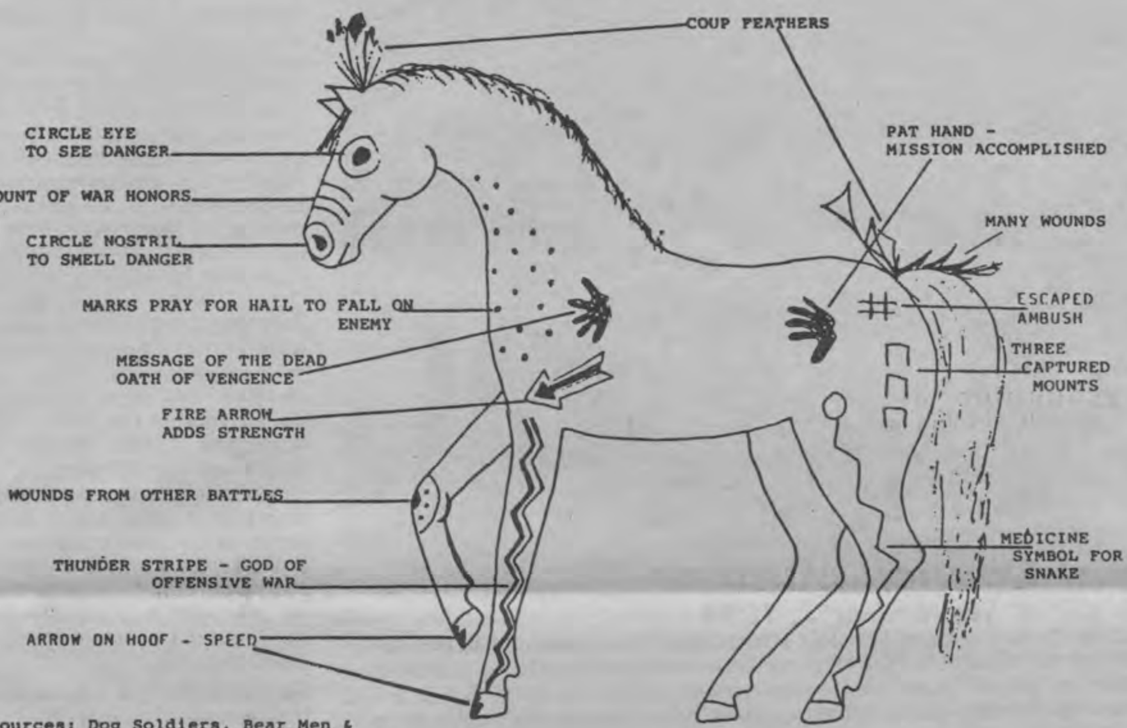
One of the most colorful episodes in the long and colorful career of the Indian Horse was the gathering of the millions of wild Longhorn cattle off the Texas ranges after the War between the states. They swam every river from Texas to Canada enduring stampedes, tornadoes, hailstorms and freezing blizzards. They did it all while foraging on grass and brush without grain and they came through it ready for more. And most of them weren't much larger than the Longhorns they drove.

The U.S. calvary found, in its attempt to conquer the Indian, that the only way to effectively control these people was to take their horses away from them. Repeated instances of complete massacre of Indian horse herds is documented evidence-a mute testimony to the toughness of this breed. They were better than anything the calvary could put up against them.

The Indian Horse has contributed to the making of a number of American breeds; the Morgan, the Quarter Horse, the Saddlebred, the Tennessee Walking Horse are only a few and most of the 'color breeds,' trace their ancestry back to the Indian horse: the Paint, the Palomino, the Appaloosa, and the Buckskin to name some.

This information about American Indian horses has been provided by the American Indian Horse Registry Inc. Additional information may be obtained by writing them at the following address: AIHR, Route 3, Box 64, Lockhart, Texas 78644, or 64, Lockhart, Texas 78644, or call 512/398-6642 or 512/398-6539.

Markings Used On Prized War Horses And Buffalo Horses-


COUP FEATHERS
CIRCLE EYE TO SEE DANGER
PAT HAND - MISSION ACCOMPLISHED
COUNT OF WAR HONORS
MANY WOUNDS
CIRCLE NOSTRIL TO SMELL DANGER
MARKS PRAY FOR HAIL TO FALL ON ENEMY
ESCAPED AMBUSH
MESSAGE OF THE DEAD OATH OF VENGENCE
THREE CAPTURED MOUNTS
FIRE ARROW ADDS STRENGTH
WOUNDS FROM OTHER BATTLES
MEDICINE SYMBOL FOR SNAKE
THUNDER STRIPE - GOD OF OFFENSIVE WAR
ARROW ON HOOF - SPEED

Sources: Dog Soldiers, Bear Men & Buffalo Women by T. E. Mails
Painted Ponies by Shatka Bear-Step

American Indian Horse Registry Inc.

OBITUARIES

BERNICE HICKS

Bernice Hicks, 63 year-old resident of Shawnee died September 24 in an Oklahoma City hospital.

Mrs. Hicks was born April 13, 1923 in Okmulgee and was a member of Newtown Methodist Church. She was married to Henry Hicks of Dustin. They later moved to Shawnee where they made their home. Mrs. Hicks was preceeded in death by her daughter, Ailene Schweighter, and her son Larry Bruce Hicks.

Survivors include her husband, Henry Hicks of the home; three sons, Henry Hicks, Jr. of Oklahoma City; Speedy Hicks and Brian Hicks, both of Shawnee; four daughters, Georgia Stiner, Elain Hawkins, Penny Murdock and Kathy Lindsey, all of Shawnee; her mother, Sarah Simmers of Okmulgee; 24 Simmers of Okmulgee; 24 grandchildren and a host of other relatives. A wake service was held Sept. 26 and funeral services Sept. 27 at the First Indian Baptist Church of Shawnee.

DONALD EUGENE FREEMAN

Donald Eugene Freeman, 52, a former Tulsan, died at Fayetteville, N.C. Retired from the U.S. Army, Mr. Freeman was also employed by Civil Service at Ft. Braggs. He was survived by his wife, Delores Tiger Freeman, daughter, Dorena Freeman of Fayetteville, N.C.; two sons, Daniel Freeman, of the home; Donald Freeman of Glenpool; two sisters, Cecilia Chalakee, Melissa Seisreid; brother, James Freeman; all of Tulsa. Funeral services were held at Cussetah Baptist Church, Sapulpa, burial in Cussetah Cemetery.

MARSHALL KELLY

Funeral services for Marshall Kelly, 83, were held October 7 in the Buchanan Memorial Chapel. Dr. Frank Belvin and Rev. Almer Berryhill officiated. Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery.

Mr. Kelly was born August 21, 1903 in the Natura Community and died October 2 in a Tulsa hospital. He was a lifelong resident of Okmulgee and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Survivors include one son, George Kelly of Sapulvada, California; a niece, Cora Derrisaw of Okmulgee and a nephew, Solomon Kelly of Sapulpa.

ANDY TECUMSEH

On September 14, Andy Tecumseh went home to be with the Lord Jesus Christ. Services were held on September 16 and 17th at the Concharty Methodist Church with Rev. Newman Frank officiating. Rev. Almer Berryhill assisted in the graveside service, at the Tecumseh Family Cemetry.

Mr. Tecumseh was born, near Haskell, Ok. on December 9, 1917 to Eddie and Emma Bruner Tecumseh. He had lived his entire life in this area. He was a WWII veteran and a member and speaker at Concharty Indian Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Evelyn of the home; two sons, Andy Jr. and Alex, both of Okmulgee. Five granddaughters; Tonya and LaDonna Tecumseh of Mounds, Sehoya and LeeAnn Tecumseh of Okmulgee, and Melissa Tecumseh; one grandson, Aaron Tecumseh of Okmulgee; two brothers, Ellis and John Tecumseh; one sister, Nicey Wilson and his mother Emma Tecumseh, all of rural Okmulgee, and a host of relatives and friends.

CREEK NATION
COUNCIL OAK
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National Council Minutes

Special Session, September 2, 1986

CALL TO ORDER: Carney Roberts, Speaker, advised the Council that he had received a letter from 25% of the members of the National Council requesting that Special Session be called on this 2nd day of September to take legislative action on Bills 9-B, C, D, E, F, G H, I, J: and that the Agenda would consist of those Bills as listed. With everything in order, the Speaker called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with twenty-seven present, one absent that being Robert Hardridge, all business transacted during this Special Session to be valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

8B A Bill to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 2nd day of September, 1986; by request of the Principal Chief, via the Division of Community Services and assigned to the Committee on Community Services. The Committee recommendation was a "DO PASS", and the Bill was read and considered as follows: A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending Tribal Ordinance NCA 86-26 "Providing Authorization for Tribal Contracts to Provide Services and Programs for FY-87". Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 86-26 is hereby amended at Section 153 (A) (2) by adding the following programs: Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program for FY-87. Childrens Services Title IV "B" Program. FY-87 Community Services Block Grant. The Bill (8B) having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve "8B". Discussion was entertained and held. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Leah Stacy to insert the budgets for each of the Programs into this Bill. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried, was approved as read. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Kenneth Childers to postpone the voting on this Bill until the end of the Agenda so that a final draft that includes the budget be prepared and presented for review. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty Six in favor, none against, no absentions. Motion carried. The voting was postponed and the Bill was moved to the bottom of the Agenda.

8C A Bill to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 2nd day of September, 1986; by Request of Jerry Wilson, Tulsa District Representative and assigned to the Committee of the Whole. The Bill was read and considered as follows: A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Employee Right to a Fair Hearing Act and Performance Evaluation Procedure. Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: A. Every employee of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation deserves the benefit of due process and they should be protected by tribal law. **Section 102. Evaluation of Employee:** The Executive Branch of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall establish a written policy of evaluation for all tribal employees. Every policy so adapted shall: A. Be prescribed in writing at the time of adoption and at all times when amendments thereto are adopted. The original policy and all amendments to the policy shall be promptly made available to all employees; B. Provide that all evaluations be made in writing and that evaluation documents and responses thereto are to be maintained in a personnel file for each employee; and C. Provide that each employee of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation receive an annual evaluation; **Section 103. Employee Response to Evaluation.** Whenever any evaluation is made of a employee a true copy of the evaluation shall be presented to the employee. The employee shall acknowledge the written evaluation by his signature thereon. Within two (2) weeks after the evaluation, the employee may respond and said response shall be made part of the record. Except by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, evaluation documents and the responses thereto shall be available only to the evaluated employee, the National Council, the administrative staff making evaluation, the hearing panel described herein and such other persons as are specified by the employee in writing. **Section 104: Dismissal or non re-employment of employee grounds.** A. Any employee may be dismissed at any time or not re-employed for immorality, willful neglect of duty, cruelty, incompetency, or failure to perform duties as prescribed in their job description. **Section 105: Admonishment** Whenever a supervisor who has the administrative responsibility under the supervision of the Principal Chief to plan, manage, operate, and evaluate a tribal program believes that it is necessary to admonish a employee for a reason he believes may lead to the employee dismissal or non re-employment shall: A. Bring the matter to the attention of the employee, in writing, and make a reasonable effort to assist the employee to correct whatever appears to be the cause for potential dismissal or non re-employment; and B. Allow a reasonable time for improvement, which time shall not exceed two (2) months. The nature and gravity of the employee conduct shall be considered in determining what length of time would be reasonable. If the employee does not correct the cause for potential dismissal or non re-employment, within a reasonable length time, the supervisor shall make a recommendation to the Principal Chief for the dismissal or non re-employment of the employee. **Section** 06. Suspension of Employee Whenever a supervisor or the Principal Chief has reason to believe that cause exists for the dismissal of a employee, and when he or she is of the opinion that the immediate suspension of a employee is necessary in the best interests of the Nation, the supervisor or Principal Chief may suspend the employee shall not deprive the employee of any compensation or other benefits to which he or she would otherwise be entitled under the personnel benefits of the Nation or pursuant to law. Within ten (10) days' time after such suspension becomes effective, the supervisor shall initiate proceedings pursuant to the provisions of this Act, to have the employee dismissed. However, in a case involving a criminal charge or indictment, such suspension may extend to such time as the employee's case is finally adjudicted at trial. Provided, howeve, such extension shall not include any appeal process. **Section 107: Procedures for Dismissal or Non Re-Employment:** A. Whenever a supervisor determines that cause exists for the dismissal or non re-employment of a employee by the Nation, he or she shall submit a recommendation in writing to the Principal Chief. The recommendatin shall be approved or rejected by the Principal Chief who may seek advice from the National Council, however, it is not required to do under the provisions of this Act. B. If the Principal Chief approves the recommendation of the supervisor, or determines it own volition that a employee should be dismissed or non re-employed, the Principal Chief shall cause written notice of the dismissal or non re-employment to be mailed by certified mail, restricted deliver, with return receipt requested, to the employee who is the subject of the action. **Section 108 Hearing Judge:** The District Judge of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Judicial Branch shall serve as the hearing judge on all personnel appeals. **Section 109, Notice and Place of Hearing -- Hearing Panel:** A. The Hearing Judge shall schedule a hearing on the employee dismissal within ten (10) days after a request is received. Upon scheduling the hearing, the hearing judge shall immediately notify the employee of the time and place for the hearing and the procedures provided by law. B. The hearing shall be held in the district in which the employee is employed in. C. In his consideration of tribal issues, the Hearing Judge shall be counseled and assisted by a person designated by the Principal Chief and a person designated by the National Council. These three (3) individuals shall compose the hearing panel.

Section 110: Procedural Due Process: At the hearing, and until final disposition of the case, the Principal Chief or his designee shall represent the Nation. The employee or his designeeshall be afforded due process at the hearing, including the following rights: 1. To have counsel of his own choice present; 2. To present witnesses in person or to present their testimony by interrogatories, affidavits or depositions. A list of any witnesses which are to be present shall be furnished to the other party at least (15) days before the hearing is scheduled. 3. To testify in his own behalf and give reasons for any actions or policies. 4. To have an orderly hearing; 5. To have a fair and impartial decision based upon the evidence; and 6. To have a official transcript of the hearing made. **Section 111: Powers of Hearing Judge:** At the hearing, the hearing judge may: A. Administer oaths; B. Issue subpoenas for the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books, papers and documents relating to any matter under investigation; C. Receive evidence and limit lines of questioning and testimony which are repetitive, cumulative or irrelevant; D. Call and examine witnesses and introduce into the record documentary and other evidence; E. Preside over the course of the hearing and dispose of procedural requests, motions and similar matters; and F. Take any other action necessary to make the hearing accord with administrative process. **Section 112: Compensation of Hearing Panel - Expense of Hearing:** A. The members of the hearing panel shall be compensated for serving in such capacity in an amount to be determined in advance by the appropriation by the National Council. B. The Nation and the employee shall each be responsibile for fifty precent (50%) of the expense and cost of the hearing and the official transcript, excluding attorney's fees of the parties involved, however, if the employee is reinstated as a result of the hearing, the employee is excused from paying his share of expenses of the hearing, and the total cost shall be bared by the Nation. **Section 113: Hearing Report:** A. Within thirty (30) days from the time a hearing judge and panel has been chosen, the panel shall complete the hearing, prepare a written report and submit copies of the report to the Principal Chief and the employee. The report shall be written by the hearing judge. If the hearing panel cannot prepare the report said period of time, the Principal Chief and the employee shall be so notified prior to the end of such period. The hearing panel may then take additional time as is necessary, not to exceed forty (40) days from the time that the hearing judge was chose, to prepare and submit the report. The Principal Chief and employee or their designees may mutually agree to extend the time limit for preparation and submission of the report to an additional fifteen (15) days. B. The report shall contain an outline of the scope of the hearing fundings of act and conclusions of law and shall direct either of the following: 1. That the Principal Chief reinstate the employee with full employment status benefits; or 2. That the decision of the Principal Chief for the dismissal or non re-employment of the employee be sustained. **Section 114: Appeal:** The decision of the hearing panel as contained in the report shall be final and shall be obeyed by the parties involved unless the employee or the Principal Chief appeals the decision to the Supreme Court. The provisions of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Judicial Code shall apply to such appeal. **Section 115: Applicable Law:** The applicable hearing and appeal procedure in the event of the dismissal or non re-employment of a employee shall be that procedure provided by law on the effective date of such dismissal or non re-employment. **Section 116: All tribal employees are guaranteed the freedom to exercise their political rights,**

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however, no employee shall campaign or support a political candidate while on duty as a employee of the Creek Nation. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Little and seconded by Cleghorn to approve Bill 8C. Discussion was entertained and held. A motion was made by German Thomas and seconded by Johnson Buck to table Bill 8C for an indefinite time. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, twevele against and no abstentions: Those voting NO were: Barnett, Bear, Cleghorn, Dunn, Dunson, Fox, Kamp, Larney, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Stacy and Wilson; Those voting YES were: Bible, Johnson Buck, Robert Buck, Childers, Chupco, Clark, Foster, Hale, Johnson, Miller, Thomas, Wheeler and Williams. Motion carried: Bill 8C was tabled and shall be recorded into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

8D A Bill to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 2nd day of September 1986, by request of the Principal Chief and assigned to the Committee on Business and Governmental Services. Committee Recommendation "DO PASS". A Bill of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation approving an Attorney Contract with George Almerigi, Attorney at Law The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Tribal Attorney Contract between the Muscogee Nation and George Almerigi, Attorney at Law, is hereby ratified by the Muscogee Nation effective October 1, 1986 toJune, 1987. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Larney to postpone Bill 8D and place it on the September 27th Agenda for consideration and attach the contract as part of the BILL. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in favor, twelve against and no abstentions. Those voting NO were: Johnson Buck, Roy Buck, Chupco, Clark, Dunson, Foster, Hale, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Miller, and Williams. Those voting YES were: Barnett, Bear, Bible, Childers, Cleghorn, Dunn, Fox, Kamp, Larney, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas, Wheeler, and Wilson. Motion carried, BILL 8D was postponed until 9/27/86.

8E A BILL to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council this 2nd day of September 1986 by request of the Principal Chief and assigned to the Committee on Business & Governmental Services. Committee Recommendation "DO PASS". A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending Tribal Ordinance NCA 85-26 for FY -87. The BILL was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 86-26 is hereby amended at Section 153 (A) (1) by adding the following: Tribal Courts Contract, and Other Rights Protection. **Section 102** The fringe benefits shall be reduced to twenty per cent (20%) and Indirect cost funds shall not be expended until the Indirect Cost Budget has been approved by the National Council. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Bible to amend BILL 8E at Section 101 by deleting the phrase "the fringe benefits shall be reduced to 20%. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty two in favor, four against, and no abstentions. Those voting NO were: Barnett, Fox, McIntosh, and Stacy. Those voting YES were: Bear, Bible, Buck, Buck, Childers, Chupco, Clark, Cleghorn, Dunson, Dunn, Foster, Hale, Johnson, Kamp, Larney, Little, Miller, Primeaux, Thomas, Wheeler, Williams and Wilson. Motion carried. The amendment was approved as read. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Kamp to include the budgets in the final draft of BILL 8E prior to be submitted for Approval by the Principal Chief. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty two in favor, four against and no abstentions: Those voting NO were: Buck, Buck, Hale and Kamp. Those voting YES were: Barnett, Bear, Bible, Childers, Chupco, Clark, Cleghorn, Dunn, Dunson, Fox, Kamp, Larney, Little, McIntosh, Miller, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas, Wheeler, Williams, and Wilson. Motion Carried the amendment was approved as read.

Upon a motion havinq been duly made and seconded to approve BILL 8E, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty four in favor, two against and no abstentions. Those voting NO were: Fox and McIntosh, Those voting YES were: Barnett, Bear, Buck, Buck, Childers, Chupco, Clark, Cleghorn, Dunn, Dunson, Foster, Hale, Johnson, Kamp, Larney, Little, Miller, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas, Wheeler, Williams and Wilson. Motion Carried BILL 8E was approved as amended and shall be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

8F A BILL to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 2nd day of September 1986 by request of the Principal Chief via the Division of Community Services and assigned to the Committee on Community Services, coming out of that Committee with a Recommendation of a "DO PASS". The Bill was read and considered as follows: TITLE 8F A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Programming, Authorizing and Appropriating FY 1986 Tribal Funds for Capital Acquisition. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. A total of $327,628 (Three-hundred and twenty seven thousand, six hundred and twenty eight dollars) has been budgeted by NCA 85-59 for "Capital Acquisition" during the 1986 fiscal year from the Three Year Plan. B. A need exists to purchase medical equipment for the clinics and hospital to maintain the quality of care to tribal citizens. C. There is also a need to provide for renovation and structural changes to the Eufaula and Sapulpa clinics and a tribal rent house. **Section 102** Funds for the 1986 Fiscal Year "Capital Acquisition" program are hereby authorized as follows: A. Health Equipment - 243,102.00; Eufaula Clinic - 43,359.16; Sapulpa Clinic - 34,657.84; Okemah Clinic - 11,800.00; C.N. Community Hospital - 153,267.00. B. Renovation - 84,526.00; Tribal Rent House - 10,000.00; Sapulpa & Eufaula Clinics - 74,526.00; TOTAL 327,628.00. **Section 103:** The Principal Chief is authorized to modify the budget within existing line items. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Larney to approve BILL 8F. Discussion was entertained and held. A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Foster to amend 8F by inserting the phrase 7151 funds after A-"Health Equipment" and after B- "Renovation" the words "Capital Acquisitions". Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty three in favor, three against, and no abstentions. Those voting NO were: Dunson, McIntosh and Wilson; Those voting YES were: Barnett, Bible, Bear, Buck, Buck, Childers, Chupco, Clark, Cleghorn, Dunn, Foster, Fox, Hale, Johnson, Kamp, Larney, Little, Miller, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas, Wheeler, and Williams. Motion carried, the amendment to Bill 8F was approved as read.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded to approve Bill 8F, a roll call vote was taken with the resutls being: Twenty Five in favor, one against and no abstentions. Those voting YES were: Barnett, Bear, Bible, Buck, Buck, Childers, Chupco, Clark, Cleghorn, Dunn, Dunson, Foster, Fox, Hale, Johnson, Kamp, Larney,Little, McIntosh, Miller, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas, Wheeler, and Williams. Wilson voting NO. Motion carried the Bill 8F was approved as amended and shall be recorded as such.

38G A BILL to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council this 2nd day of September 1986; by request of the Principal Chief via the Division of Higher Education and assigned to the Committee on Human Development with a recommendation of a "DO PASS". The BILL was read and considered as follows: TITLE: A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 85-24, Establishing Guidelines for Higher Education Scholarships for Exceptional (Gifted) Students. Section 101. The National Council finds that it is in the best interest of the tribal governmental and tribal citizens to amend the guidelines as established in NCA 85-24. **Section 102** NCA 85-24 is hereby amended at Section 102 of the ordinance by deleting the entire section and in its place establish the following: **Section 102: Policies and Procedures** 1. The applicant (student) must be an enrolled citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and prove it with a valid Tribal Enrollment card. 2. The applicant (student) must provide a valid certificate of Degree of Indian blood card. 3. The student must provide a recent photograph. 4. The student must complete an original application and write an educational plan for which the award will be used. 5. Only students attending an accredited college/university or vocational school may apply to be considered for funding under the Incentive Grant Program. 6. The status of the student, as to their being full-time or part-time, will be decided by the college's/school's official policy. 7. The student must make arrangements with the school's registrars office to have an official transcript sent to the Higer Education Office, which shows the terms grades and G.P.A. for which the incentive grant is sought. 8. Full time student awards will be $300.00 per semester/quarter. Part time students awards will be $150.00 per semester/quarter. Total amount of awards may not exceed $600.00 per academic year for full time students and $300. per academic year for part time students. 9. Only those with a term G.P.A. of 3.0 or better on college/vocational work level may apply to be considered for funding under the Incentive Grant Program. 10. After official verification of the students semester enrollment status and G.P.A. awards will be mailed to the student's home address. 11. The limit on time funded will be eight semesters or the required semesters for the course requirements. 12. The awards may supplement those received from another source. 13. All awards are based upon availability of funds at the time official verification of conformance is received. **Section 103.** All provisions of NCA 85-24 remain unchanged. **Section 104.** The unexpended funds from the FY 87 Tribal Budget/Docket 275 for Education Scholarships for Exceptional (Gifted) Students ending September 30, 1986 are hereby appropriated as carry-over for Fiscal Year 1987 becoming effective October 1, 1986. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Johnson Buck to approve the Bill 8G as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, Bill 8G was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

8H A BILL to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 2nd of September 1986, by request of the Principal Chief, via the Office of Gaming; assigned to the Committee on Business & Governmental Services. The Committee Recommendation was a DO PASS. The Bill was read and considered as follows: TITLE: A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Directing National Legislative Participation. Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. Under the Constituton of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the National Council may legislate upon subjects to become ordinances of the Nation, including: 1. To promote the public health and safety, education and welfare that *may contribute to the social* physical well-being and economic advancement of citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. B. Legislation is pending in the Congress and Senate of the United States that could directly affect the sovereignty of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and its ability to provide essential services to its people. C. The Creek Nation Bingo enterprise has been viable source of employment for Creek Citizens and income for governmental services and economic development. D. Continued enterprise operation is vital to the economic well-being of the Nation. E. The Office of the Public Gaming under provisions of NCA 84-04 as amend, has the responsibility to protect from harm the interest of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in this enterprise. **Section 102.** The Office of the Public Gaming representing tribal enterprise interests, shall make direct contact with legislators of the Senate and Congress to provide, in an effective manner, views, and objectives of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and to formulate and execute strategy to favorable affect legislation on Indian Gaming. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to approve expenditures for this activity from Bingo revenues for allocation per Section 104. **Section 104.** The budget appropriations shall be effective through December 30, 1986. Travel - $3,025.00 (Out of State - Washington, D.C. and National Indian Gaming Task Force In-State UINO Meetings). Printng - $625.00 (Printing & binding of Testimony and Submissions). Fees (UINO yearly dues) $100.00. The BILL having been read the Chair entertained a motion. Upon amotion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being. Twenty five in favor, none against and one abstention. Abstaining was Motion carried and shall be recorded into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

8I A BILL to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 2nd of September, 1986; by request of the Principal Chief via the Office of the Gaming and assigned to the Committee on Business & Governmental Services. Committee recommended at DO PASS. The Bill was read and considered as follows: 8I A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Modifying the Budget of the Office of the Gaming Commissioner. Section 101. NCA 85-66 is hereby amended at Section 102 by combining: Total Operating Expense $31,219.00 (Ask your Representative for complete Budget break down. *Section 102* All other provisions of NCA 85-66 shall remain unchanged. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Wilson to amend Bill 8I by substituting the originally assigned BILL with a revised BILL (8I). Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty five in favor, one against and no abstentions: Voting against was: Delbert Dunn. Motion carried, the amendment was approved. The substitute/Revised Bill 8I was read and considered as follows: **Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds the following** A. The creation of the Office of the Gaming Commissioner has been duly authorized by ordinance to regulate gaming under the tribal jurisdiction of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. B. It is appropriate that the funds for the operation be programmed from tribal bingo revenues. *Section 102.* NCA 85-66 is hereby amended at Section 102 OPERATING EXPENSE by deleting the present language and substituting in its place the following: Revised Budget - Office Expense - $31,969. Contingency $1,250; Total FY 86 Budget ($186,645) FUNDING SOURCE: Gaming Revenue - Acct. 100-8560. **Section 103.** All other provisions of NCA 85-66 shall remain unchanged. The BILL having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Bible and seconded by Clark to approve the BILL 8I as amended by it's revised form. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty four in favor, none against and two abstentions: Those abstaining were: Delbert Dunn

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and Frank Kamp. Motion carried, Bill 8I was approved as amended and shall be recorded as such.

8J A BILL to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 2nd day of September 2, 1986, by request of the Principal Chief, via the Division of Community Services; assigned to the Joint Committee consisting of Business and Governmental Service, Human Development and Community Services. Committee recommendation: DO PASS. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings: The National Council finds that: A. Since the contracting service programs from the federal government, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has seen a drastic increase in Tribal Citizen Participation in health and education programs. B. In a time of federal funding reductions, it is necessary for the tribal government to allocate revenues to maintain and improve the quality of health and educational services to the Indian people. C. The Creek Nation Bingo has provided revenues which is available for appropriation to provide services to the constituency. **Section 102.** Bingo Revenues are hereby authorized, programmed and appropriated as follows: A. Health Services, 1) Hospital & Clinics Medical Supplies - $23,500.00; 2) Hospital & Clinic Operations $210,000.00. B. Educational Services 1) Eufaula Dormitory Operation - $800,000.00. TOTAL $524,500.00. **Section 103** Authorization to expend funds appropriated under Section 102 of this Ordinance shall have the following expiration dates: A. Health Services October 1, 1986; B. Educational - October 1, 1987. The Bill having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Wheeler to approve BILL 8J. Discussion was entertained and held. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Bear to amend Section 103 by adding a new phrase "C" These funds will be used for Tribal Citizens only. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried the amendment was approved as read. A motion by Childers and seconded by Johnson to amend Bill 8J further by amending Section 103 by deleting the first amendment and adding a new Section 104 to read: "The funds appropriated under Section 103 (A) (1) shall be authorized and programmed for Tribal Citizens". Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty Six in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried, the amendment was approved as read. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded to approve BILL (8J), a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty three in favor, two against, no abstentions. (For correct voting record, contact the National Council Office). Motion carried. Bill 8J was approved as amended and shall be recorded as such.

Postponed BILL 8B in its revised version was brought back on the floor for reconsideration as follows; A motion was made by Kamp and seconded by Primeaux to amend BILL 8B, further by adding a new Section 102 to read as follows: "The indirect cost funds shall not be spent until the budget has been approved by the National Council. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty four in favor, two against and no abstentions: Those voting against were: Hale and Chupco. Motion carried the amendment was approved as read. Upon a motion having been duly made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve Bill 8B a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried, BILL 8B was approved in its revised form and shall be recorded as such.

A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Clyde Johnson to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being; Seven in favor, seventeen against and two abstentions: Voting NO were: Barnett, Childers, Clark, Cleghorn, Kamp, Dunn, Dunson, Foster, Fox, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas, Williams and Wilson. Those voting YES were: Buck, Buck, Chupco, Clark, Foster, Hale, Johnson, Larney, Miller, and Wheeler. Motion did not carry. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Kamp to amend the Rules of Procedures that govern the National Council by amending the Secton COMMITTEES at (a) by adding the following paragraph: All Committee Assignments made, which include budgets and that have been reviewed by the Committee the legislation has been assigned to, shall be reviewed by the Committee on Business and Governmental Services prior to submission to the full Council. Upon a motion having duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seventeen in favor, eight against, one abstention. Voting YES were: Barnett, Bible, Childers, Cleghorn, Dunn, Dunson, Fox, Kamp, Larney, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas, Wheeler, Williams and Wilson. Those voting NO were: Buck, Buck, Chupco, Clark, Foster, Hale, Johnson, and Miller. Those abtaining were: Bear. Motion Carried the Rules of Procedures shall be amended as read. A motion was made by Kamp and seconded by Wilson to take BILL 8C from the table and place it on the agenda during this session for reconsideration. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in Favor, fourteen against and no abstentions: Voting YES were: Barnett, Childers, Cleghorn, Dunn, Dunson, Fox, Kamp, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Stacy and Wilson. Those voting NO were: Bear, Buck, Buck, Chupco, Clark, Foster, Hale, Johnson, Larney, Miller Thomas, wheeler and Wilson. Motion did not carry.

Announcements: 1. Planning Session Thursday, September 18, 1986, 6:00 p.m. 2) Committee Meeting Business & Governmental Services, Sept. 4, 1986, 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Clyde Johnson and by unanimous decision, the meeting was adjourned.

SPECIAL SESSION: AUGUST 12, 1986

CALL TO ORDER: The Speaker advised that the required number 25% of signatures were received to call for a Special Session to consider the proposed Resolution which "Opposes the Indian Health Service Regulations which limits services to Indian people."

A Roll Call was taken as follows: Those present were: Barnett, Bear, Buck, Buck, Childers, Chupco, Clark, Cleghorn, Dunson, Foster, Hale, Hardridge, Johnson, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Roberts, Stacy, Thomas, Wheeler and Wilson. Those absent were: Bible, Dunn, Kamp, Larney, Miller and Williams.

A quorum was declared with twenty-two present, six absent and any and all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: A Tribal TR 86-04 proposed by Kenneth L. Childers, and introduced on this 12th day of August, 1986; entitled: OPPOSING INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES REGULATIONS WHICH LIMIT SERVICES TO INDIAN PEOPLE. The Resolution was read and considered as follows: **Section 101 Findings. The National Council finds that:** A. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is a federally recognized Indian tribe, organized in accordance with a Constitution and approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and ratified by the constituency; B. The Muscogee (Creek) National Council is the recognized legislative branch of the tribal government and therefore, concerned with the health needs of the Creek people; and C. On June 10, 1986, the Indian Health Service published proposed regulations, governing eligibility for health services from the Indian Health Service and tribally contracted programs under Public Law 93-638, Indian Self-determination contracts. D. The proposed regulations would limit eligibility for health services to Tribal members of a Federally recognized Indian tribe of one-quarter or more Indian ancestry who reside within a designated health service delivery area; and E. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has traditionally recognized descendency as the mechanism for distribution of tribal judgement monies and for tribally funded service programs in health and welfare; F. The proposed eligibility regulations do not recognize the inherent ability of tribal governments and their power to determine their eligible membership for Federal and Tribal funded programs; G. The proposed definitions for eligibility and health service areas are specifically designed to reduce the persons and geographical area to be served by Indian Health Service and reduce Federal expenditures for health services provided to Indian people; and H. In 1985, Congress repealed laws which restricted educational services to Indians with one-quarter degree Indian ancestry because such antiquated laws were unfair and racially discriminatory; and I. The last changes in eligibility for Indian Health Service funded programs were Congressionally approved and initiated in 1983, clearly supporting the legislative intent of defining existing Federal law. **Section 102.** The Muscogee (Creek) National Council hereby agrees to oppose the proposed regulations of the Indian Health Service through resolutions, through testimony and written comments by elected tribal officials at public hearings scheduled by the Indian Health Service and further direct the Senate Select Committee and House on Insular Affairs to place a two-year moratorium on proposed rule-making for eligibility for health services to the Creek people, and that no policy change occur without Tribal participation and or Congressional oversight, and undertake to initiate every available action to prevent such regulations from being adopted or implemented. The Bill having beem read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve the Resolution as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-one in favor, none against, and no abstentions. Motion carried. The resolution shall be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. Meeting adjourned.

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
AUGUST 23, 1986

INVOCATION: Tony Hale

CALL TO ORDER: Carney Roberts, Speaker National Council, Muscogee Nation.

ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with twenty six members attending and two absent. The Speaker declared that any and all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. Those absent from this meeting were: Betty Foster and Dorothy Miller.

READING OF THE MINUTES: The minutes were mailed prior to this meeting for Council review. The Chair entertained a motion to approve June 28th, Regular Scheduled Meeting; July 8th Extra-Ordinary Session; and July 26th Regular Scheduled Meeting which were mailed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Clyde Johnson to approve the three sets of minutes as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Two in favor, twenty three against, no abstentions; Those voting against were: Barnett, Bear, Bible, Robert Buck, Childers, Chupco, Clark, Cleghorn, Dunn, Dunson, Fox, Hale, Hardridge, Kamp, Larney, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas, Wheeler, Williams and Wilson; Voting Yes were: Johnson Buck and Clyde Johnson. Motion did not carry.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: A Veto message returning NCA 86-39 to the National Council with objections. The message was read and legislative action was taken as follows: August 11, 1986, In Accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I, Principal Chief, Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 86-39, entitled "Amending Tribal Ordinance NCA 86-26", to the National Council with objections as follows: OBJECTION ONE: SECTION 104 of the Ordinance Attempts to Deny Tribal Employees their Rightful Earned Benefits. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation had developed, negotiated, and executed an agreement with the United States Government which specifies a reasonable fringe benefit rate to be applied to federal grants and contracts. Any analysis of the 30.5% rate clearly indicates that of the overall percentage, 13.38% are actual payroll taxes which include FICA, Federal Unemployment Insurance, State Unemployment Insurance and Workman's Compensation. Therefore, the net fringe benefit rate is 17.12% for tribal employees. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is required by federal law and regulations to provide benefits comparable to federal agencies. The agreement with the United States government guarantees those provisions. The Legislative branch cannot deny tribal employees of their rightful earned benefits nor unilaterally abrogate an agreement between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the government of the United States.

OBJECTION TWO. SECTION 103 attempts to withold Administrative Services Vital to Program Operations. In accordance with federal law and regulations the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has developed, negotiated and executed an indirect cost agreement with the federal government through the executive powers vested in the Office of the Principal Chief by the Constitution. One branch of this government cannot unilaterally abrogate an agreement which is required for federal contracting. Further, the federal government mandates that the administrative systems be in place and attempts to withold funding would undoubtly results in the loss of services to the Indian people.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Since the rate negotiated with the federal government have been deemed necessary and reasonable, and attempts to deny benefits and services as stated in Sections 103 and 104 of the Ordinance are unnecessary and cannot be implemented it is recommended that Section 103 and 104 be deleted from this and future legislation. Therefore, in accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I hereby return NCA 86-39 to the National Council as a veto. Signed, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation --CAC/pd. The veto message having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Kamp as follows: As always when there is a veto message and the full Council isn't present I am going to make a motion that the Council adjourn until the full Council is here. I am still under the opinion that it requires the full Council under our Constitution, to take any action on this, so I make a motion to adjourn"; The motion was seconded by Stacy. Upon a motion duly having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifteen in favor, ten against and no abstentions: Voting No were: Bear, Buck, Buck, Chupco, Clark, Hale, Johnson, Larney, Wheeler and Williams; Voting YES were: Bible, Childers, Cleghorn, Dunn, Dunson, Fox, Hardridge, Kamp, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas and Wilson. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned. This transaction shall be recorded into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

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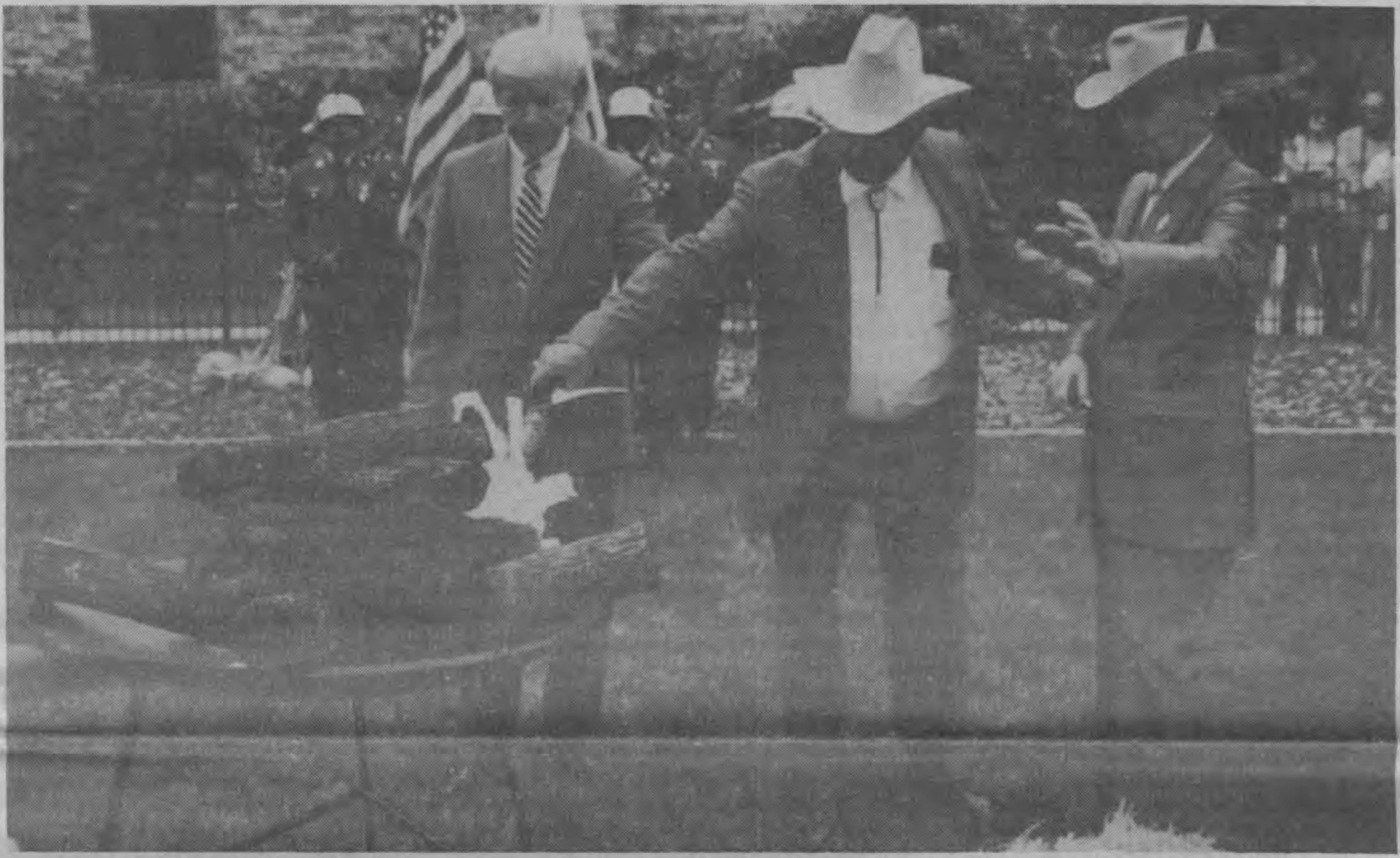

CHIEF CLAUDE COX LIGHTS THE "ETERNAL FLAME" DURING THE COMMEMORATION CEREMONIES OF THE COUNCIL OAK TREE IN TULSA as Tulsa Mayor Dick Crawford, left, and former Creek Chief W.E. "Dode" McIntosh witness the history-making event.

Tulsa Landmark Designated in Honor of Early Day Creek Meeting Place

By Kathryn Bell

An event that will no doubt go down in the colorful chronicles of Creek history, occured October 26 at the site of the Council Oak tree. The towering oak served as a meeting place for early-day Creeks.

The 150th Anniversary of this event was a festive and memorable occasion not only commemorating the early history of the Creek people but also marked the beginning of the City of Tulsa.

The tree's significance to Creek history lies in the fact that upon the Creeks arrival in Indian Territory across the Trail of Tears, they spread the ashes from their home fires in Tulwa, Alabama more than a century and half ago, beneath the towering oak that overlooked the Arkansas River. On this site, which became a Creek tribal town, the City of Tulsa later sprang. "Let's think of this tree not only as the home of the Creek Nation but as a home for all of us," remarked Francis Campbell, Tulsa City Auditor and one of the many City of Tulsa officials who attended the day's Commemoration ceremonies.

Other representatives of the two governments - the Creek National Council and the Tulsa City Council - were in attendance to make history as well. The day marked the first time that the two governments had met for the first time, in concurrent sessions, beneath the stately oak located at 18th and Cheyenne.

The Sunday afternoon ceremony was presided over by Tulsa Mayor Dick Crawford, Creek Principal Chief Claude Cox and Special Guest of Honor former Creek Chief W.E. "Dode" McIntosh, who is a descendent of one of the original tribal fathers who had met under the tree to council his people.

Addressing the crowd of approximately 300, mostly Creek Indians, the 93-year McIntosh said it had been a lengthly process to save the Council Oak - "We began our drive to save the tree in the 60's and we had to exchange land foot by foot. It took us five years just to get the title."

Other city and state officials attending the ceremony were; Norma Engle, a representative from Governor Nigh's office, who presented a proclamation designating October 26 as the "Creek Indian Council Oak Day for the State of Oklahoma; Tulsa Street Commissioner J.D. Metcalf, Finance and Revenue Commissioner Gary Watts, City Auditor Francis Campbell and City Attorney Neal McNeill. Former Tulsa newscaster Sam Jones who served as Chairman of the City of Tulsa's Council Oak Commemoration Committe, and who is active in Indian affairs, was present as well.

The highlight of the day's activities, which began at 1:00 p.m., was the lighting of the Eternal Flame - lit by Chief Cox and Dode McIntosh as the full Muscogee Creek National Council's twenty-seven members and the City Council looked on.

The feather-adorned, wool-wrapped torch was carried on horseback by Roy Roberts of the Creek Nation Riding Club, to the site. The colorful procession of Riding Club members re-enacted the Trail of Tears journey as they made their way on horseback down Riverside Drive to the Council Oak site to present the torch to Dode.

"My heart aches at the thought of the ordeal of my people..." said Chief Cox in recalling the historic account of the Creeks forced removal from their ancestral homelands in the south to an unknown future in Indian Territory - a journey that ended the hardship and sorrow of the infamous Trail in 1836 as the Creeks once again spread the ashes of their fires in the homeland beneath the oak tree.

The Council Oak was formally designated an historic landmark by the Neighborhood Conservation Commission. Mayor Crawford proclaimed October 26 hereafter to be "Creek Nation Council Oak Tree Day" for the City of Tulsa. "We are a nation of immigrants except for the people we are honoring today," said Mayor Crawford, who told the crowd his father had educated him early in the rich heritage of the Nation, but as poignantly pointed out by his father - "There is one thing we would always be ashamed of forever - the treatment of the only true Native Americans..." The Mayor concluded, "Our statements here today are long overdue."

Preceding the lighting of the "Eternal Flame" and the formal ceremonies held at 3:00 p.m. at the Council Oak site, an Exhibition Creek Stickball Game was held in Council Oak Park, as well as a demonstration of Creek traditional stompdancing, led by Sam Proctor.

Woodrow Haney performed in the Park with his fluteplaying, much to the delight of the participants gathered for the activities on the balmy, spring-like day.

In other official designations of the day, the section of 18th and S. Cheyenne Avenue, from Boulder to Denver Avenue, was named "Council Oak Trail" and will be maintained by the City of Tulsa, according to Street Commissioner Metcalf.

Mayor Crawford, in closing the ceremonies, cited future activities and projects that would be instituted as part of the annual commemoration. These included striking a special medallion commemorating the Council Oak and setting up a scholarship for Native American students.

Mapco of Tulsa and Oklahoma Natural Gas provided funds for the 150th Anniversary and Commemoration of the Council Oak tree.

See more Council Oak photos on page 3 and related story about Ceremonial Grounds and Stomp Dancers participating in the activities that day on page 4.

Officers Elected For Checotah Community

Checotah Indian Community elected officers for the next year. Elected were: Chairman, Wilson Bear; Vice-Chairman, Tommy Newton; Secretary, Nadgie Wilbanks; Treasurer, Leona Fox; and Reporter, Sue Harper. The community meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Jim Lucas Library in Checotah.

Muscogee Nation News

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Commodity Distribution November Schedule

The following commodity distribution sites will undergo a schedule change for the month of November.

Holdenville, Coweta and Glenpool will receive distribution on Nov. 18 instead of the 17. Castle and Buckeye has been changed to the 19 instead of the 21. Stidham, Eufaula, Bristow, and Kellyville has been changed from the 20 to the 24. Wetumka and Yeager has been changed from the 27 to the 26 and Checotah is changed from the 27 to the 21.

CARD OF THANKS

Please accept my sincere gratitude to everyone who sent flowers and words of kindness during the loss of my mother.

MARK DOWNING

Blood Pressure Checks Scheduled by CHR's

The Creek Nation Community Health Representatives will doing a blood pressure check at the Community Centers in Wetumka, Weleetka, Dewar, Okmulgee and Coweta every week, starting November 4, 1986, at 10:30 a.m.

Anyone can have high blood pressure, old and young, rich and poor, or fat and thin. Actually, high blood pressure may be the only thing these folks have in common.

High blood pressure, called "Hypertension" by physicians is not "nervous tension". People who have high blood pressure are not necessarily over-anxious, compulsive, or "nervous." However, in fact a person may have very high blood pressure and not even know it. Thats because high blood pressure-in the early stages-may have few, if any, symptoms. An early morning headache does occur in some people. When a doctor records your blood pressure, he writes down two numbers-an upper one called, Systalic Pressure, and a lower one, called Diastolic Pressure-example 120/Systolic, 80/Diastolic.

It has been shown that high blood pressure is one of the most important risk factors in stroke, heartattack, and kidney failure.

If you are over weight, one way to reduce the strain on your heart is to lose weight. In addition to possible lowering blood pressure and reducing weight, a low-fat, low cholesteral diet may help. Moderate exercise should be encouraged to help conditioning, make you feel better, and help to use up calories-but avoid over exertion. Your doctor should help you plan your exercise program that is best for you.

Medicine will lower blood pressure. Every person reacts differently to medications, however, so if you need medicine, a trial period may be necessary before your doctor finds the medicine that works best for you.

It takes a team to treat your high blood pressure successfully. Your doctor or qualified health professional cannot do it alone, and neither can you, you have got to work together. Keep appointments with your doctor, take medications as they are directed, follow medical advice regarding diet and exercise.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

My name is Wynema (Judy) Roberts. I am writing to inform all of the Creek Nation tribal members who may have questions regarding the Creek Nation Indian Riding Club.

I am the one who started the Club. I was also the one that asked the Creek Chief if we could be known as the Creek Nation Riding Club. The purpose of starting the riding club was to help our Indian children to have a place to go, instead of hanging around downtown and around bars. We also took children that had no horsesof their own and loaned them one. The club was started on May 5, 1985.

I recently wrote a proposal requesting money to help these children with transportation and uniforms. I also heard of comments made by Joren Coker concerning why these children shouldn't be helped and that they were Mickey Mouse dressed and only here to boost Chief Cox's ego.

Jorene Coker, we owe you nothing and we feel that if these children look like Mickey Mouse, you have only let people know that our ancestor's also looked and dressed like Mickey Mouse because we chose these uniforms in honor of our ancestors.

I am writing to tell all the Creek people what these children have accomplished with the short time they have been in the riding club. I hope you are the kind of people that will listen and consider others and not only think about yourself like Jorene Coker does.

These children have donated their time and their labor to raise money for the Eufaula Indian Boarding School last Christmas. What is your problem with that, Jorene Coker? they have brought groceries for families that had death. What is your problem with that, Jorene Coker? They have donated money and flowers to older Indians in the hospitals and they even raised money to help family members make the trip to visit their family that was in the hospital, So again, I ask you Jorene Coker, WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM???

We have an 81 year-old full-blood Indian man that has given these children all the support he can, he even helped with their transportation. If we don't have to explain ourselves to him, why should we have to explain to someone like Jorene Coker?

These children are being taught to have respect for older Creek people, Indian traditions, Indian heritage and for the Creek Chief. They don't even know that there is a person named Jorene Coker. And I hope they don't have the chance to meet her because that is what we don't want them to learn about. . .Indians who won't work together.

We want these children to go forward and be proud of the fact they will take over the Creek Nation. We don't want them going backward like some of the Indians are trying to do because they will not work together.

So, I ask you, Jorene Coker, why do you have the right to make insulting remarks about my children. These children have nothing but the greatest respect for our Chief because he doesn't put them down for what they are doing, not like you are trying to do Jorene Coker.

These questions go to Jorene Coker:

1. What have my children done to hurt you, Jorene Coker?
2. Will my children hurt you if they receive funding from the tribe?
3. Do you have the right to call my children's clothes Mickey Mouse uniforms?
4. Do you have the right to say anything about the way our ancestors dressed?
5. Have you ever helped the Indian people like my children have?
6. Are they interferring in your life like you are trying to interfer in theirs.
7. If you can answer these questions, call or write me, my address is given.

These children are not only mine, they are everybody's and I am very proud of them as should all the Creek Indians. If Jorene Coker wants to say anything else that is silly, please come to me and don't include my children who have done nothing to hurt you.

WYNEMA (JUDY ROBERTS)
Route 3, Box 66
Okemah, Oklahoma 74859

Louisiana Creeks Send Holiday Greeting

As we approach the Holidays soon, I just wanted to relate some good news, we would like to share with our people.

I am full-blood Creek Indian, born in Hughes County as well as my husband. We are now living in Louisiana for almost 30 years, which is our home, but Oklahoma is still home and we travel back and forth at least three times a year-special times and at Holidays.

We receive the Creek Nation news every month and certainly look forward to receiving it-as it keeps us informed. We are registered in the Creek Nation which gives us the privilege to vote on different issues as it comes. Thank you so much.

Every year our church, Northside Baptist Church here in Baker, La.(we are active members here) holds an annual Indian fry bread taco sale. I make the fired bread, which I enjoy because it is going for a worthy cause. The sale goes for proceeds to purchase Christmas toys for our Indian boys and girls there in Okla. We have been doing this for eight years. My husband and I bring the toys and deliver them at Christmas to those children who otherwise wouldn't have christmas, the homeless, broken homes and needy, that is our mission work we do. It is a joy and a blessing to bring home toys for our Indian boys and girls.

Women's Missionary Union does this annually through our church, that is our Christmas, to spread love to the children.

We minister in and around Tri-City area, Wetumka, Holdenville, Okemah and different churches.

I just wanted to share this with our Indian people as what we do each year.

You can reach us in Wetumka,Okla as we will arrive around Christmas. The address is 520 E. Benson, Wetumka, Okla.

Your Sister and Brother in Christ,
Your Missionaries in Louisiana.
Osie and Helen Barnett

MUSCOGEE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS WERE IN ATTENDANCE to witness the lighting of the 'Eternal Flame' which will serve as a reminder to all of the importance this particular setting holds for the Muscogee Nation, as well as the City of Tulsa.

THE CREEK NATION INDIAN RIDING CLUB escorted the club's vice-president Roy Roberts as he carried the flame representing the eternal spirit of the Muscogee people to the Council Oak and presented the fire to former Chief Dode McIntosh. The five mile ride down Riverside Drive was symbolic of the ending of the infamous 'Trail of Tears' and the beginning of a new era for the Muscogee Nation.

THE CREEK ALL INDIAN COLOR GUARD FROM THE NATIONAL GUARD posted positions near the site. Members of the Color Guard are: (l-r) Hillis Manley, John Asbury, George Dunn, and Donnie McNac.

Community Contacts Needed to Help in Toy Distribution

We still need contact persons who will help in distributing these toys in the following communities: Checotah/Hitchita, Stidham/Lenna, Holdenville, Jenks, Broken Arrow, Morris, Sapulpa/Kellyville, Okemah and Nuyaka.

Some of the Council members are helping either as contact persons themselves or finding someone that will help. We understand that some communities will bring this up at their next meeting and will name a contact person for their community.

A schedule will be made as to when your specific community can pick up the toys. You will be notified as soon as this is done. If there are any questions or you need more information, please contact Bernice Hale at 918-756-8700.

You may turn in a copy of the list of names and ages from your community anytime from now and no later than December 5.

Region 8 Indian Rodeo Winners to go to Finals

Region Eight All Indian Rodeo Association held its Award Banquet October 25, at the Red Carpet Inn in Okmulgee.

Those receiving awards were: Saddle Bronc: T.O Yazzie and Jess Knight. Bull Riding - Mika Calico and Stoney Speaks. Bare back - James Duffield and Joel McNeil. Calf Roping - Dick Foreman and Dee Keener. Team Roping - Tarz Foreman and Dick Foreman, Short Foreman and Ben Foreman. Steer Wrestling - Alan Murdaugh and Kim Carrigan. Barrel Racing - Shea Bickford and Sissy Williams. All Around - Dee Keener.

Okmulgee Bingo To Open Soon!

Opening date for the new Okmulgee Bingo is tentatively set for late December or early January, Chief Cox has announced.

The 10,000 sq. ft. metal building is situated on the SW corner of the Creek Tribal Complex fronting HWY. 75 with access from the hwy. and Eufaula Street. Seating capacity is designed for 400.

Door prizes and drawings for prizes, in addition to generous cash pay-outs are expected to generate a good attendance from local participation on Thursday and Saturday evenings, and Sunday afternoons. Bingo games will be regulated by the Creek Nation Gaming Commission with adherence to the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Commission statutes.

The Creek Nation Bingo will employ two full-time and fifteen part-time positions. Security will be provided at all time, both inside and in the parking areas.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Andrew Hill wishes to express its gratitude to the people of the Creek Nation for their warmth and kindness during our recent bereavement.

SINCERELY, LAWRENCE HILL

Sam Proctor is Able Ambassador of Creek Culture

By Kathryn Bell

Sam Proctor is an able ambassador of Creek culture and tradition. Sam, fullblood Creek, travels many miles each year within the Nation, state, and out of state, presenting and demonstrating the beauty of the Creek traditional ways that he loves.

One such trip was taken this fall to Tallahassee, Florida to the Native American Heritage Festival where he and his group of dancers performed demonstrating the traditional Creek Stompdance. They also gave a presentation on Creek culture at the request of the Festival sponsor, the Tallahasee Junior Museum.

Proctor said that generally twelve to fourteen dancers, who live in the Nation, and who like Sam, are members of the Tallahassee Ceremonial Ground, travel with Sam to present an Exhibition stompdance for the public.

At the Tallahassee Festival, Proctor said students from the Florida Public Schools were present to watch the Exhibition dance. Sam and his Tallahassee Stompdancers from Oklahoma are popular performers at the Festival in Florida every year.

Most recently, Proctor and his dancers were asked to perform a stompdance, as well as an Exhibition Creek stickball game at the historic October 26 Commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Council Oak Tree located in Tulsa. The oak tree was a meeting place for the Creeks upon *their* arrival across the Trail of Tears from ancestral homelands of Alabama and Georgia into Indian Territory. The tree was designated the first historical landmark in Tulsa by the Tulsa Neighborhood Conversation Committtee.

Proctor, honored at being asked to participate in such an historic event, not only for the Creek people, but for the City of Tulsa as well, said that dancers from his own Ceremonial ground of Tallahassee, as well as other Creek Ceremonial Grounds participated in the stompdancing for that day.

In honor of the fact that the day's ceremony marked the first joint meeting of the full Muscogee Creek National Council with the City of Tulsa, Proctor extended a special invitation to the members of the Creek National Council to participate in the last stompdance of the day.

Proctor's presentations are not only informative about the Creek culture and tradition, but varied in their instructional approach - as in the presentation he gave recently for the Title IV Indian Education program in Colorado Springs, where he presented a workshop on Indian music to the students.

The 53-year old Creek man thoroughly enjoys what he does - and evidently does it not only for the sake of sharing his culture - but because it isn't just a "hobby" with him - but a way of life. "I believe in our customs and culture - I live it. Outside of that, I feel that the beauty of our ways should be shared with as many people that desire to know more about our ways - particularly our Creek youth and people."

Born and raised in McIntosh County of the Nation, Proctor is an interpreter or Chief's speaker at the Tallahassee Ceremonial Ground. He also leads the stompdancing at the Grounds, one of 19 active Ceremonial Grounds within Creek Nation.

Each year these Grounds hold their dances in the summer with the season culminating in the Green Corn Dance held in midsummer.

Along with the ceremonial dances, stickball games are apart of ths sacred time to Creeks who still observe their ancient traditions. Proctor explained that the summer ceremonial season represents a time of renewal as well as time for forgiveness of any faults and disagreements that may have occurred between ground members during the year. Essentially, last year's slate is wiped clean and the new year can be looked forward to with renewed optimism and hope.

Proctor and his stompdancers can be scheduled to give their dancing demonstration and cultural presentation by requesting Native American festivals, museums, Title IV programs, and cultural workshops and events, both in Oklahoma and outside the state, by contacting him through the Communications Department at Creek Nation - either Gary, Helen or Kathryn at 1-918-756-8700 or Creek Nation Communications Department, PO Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

SAM PROCTOR DIRECTS CREEK STOMPDANCERS DURING FESTIVITIES at the October 26 historic Commemoration Ceremonies of the Council Oak Tree in Tulsa on the 150th anniversary of the tree, which served as a meeting place of early day Creeks after their removal from their homeland in Alabama and Georgia across the Trail of Tears into Oklahoma's Indian Territory in the 1800's. Proctor was asked to present an Exhibition Stickball game and lead stompdancers from the various ceremonials grounds within the Creek Nation as part of the day's gala celebration.

CREEK NATION PRINCESS MELINDA TARYOLE, Sally Thompson and Mandy Hill are taking a rest between stompdances at the Council Oak Commemoration. The Stompdancing was performed in the Boulder Park area a few blocks away from the Council Oak.

CN Community Health Talk About Safety

The Community Health Department of Creek Nation has initiated a series of safety hazard topics for the Creek communities to become aware of potential safety and health hazards and to know what measure can be taken to prevent a crisis happening.

Any person desiring information on any Health and Safety topics please contact the Creek Nation Community Health office. P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447. (Tel.NO.918-756-8700)

Next months article will discuss chainsaw safety and Christmas tree fires.

Wood Stove Safety - Certain safety hazards are inherent in any wood stove installation. You should be aware of these so that a safe and proper installation can be made.

Faulty Chimney. An older masonry chimney should be thoroughly checked to be sure there are no holes or weak spots which could allow sparks or hot gasses to escape.

2. Heat Conduction. Placing combustible materials too close to a stove or chimney can be a fire hazard. By keeping these particular hazards in mind as you install and use your wood stove you can ensure a safe, reliable installation.

Safety Precautions - For your protection, read and follow these safety precautions closely:

1. Use a spark arresting shield (3/8 " mesh) on top of the chimney. Check monthly as this is a code requirement in some areas.

2. Use smoke detectors around the stove as well as in sleeping areas.

3. Keep a fire extinguisher rated for Class "A" fires near the stove.

4. Check with your insurance company to be sure your policy covers the installation and use of wood stove.

5. Cresote - Formation and Need for Removal: When wood is burned slowly, it produces tar and other organic vapors, which combine with expelled moisture to form cresote. The cresote vapors condense in the relatively cool chimney flue of a slow-burning fire. As a result, cresote residue accumulates on the flue lining. When ignited this cresote makes an extremely hot fire.

The connector and/or chimney should be inspected at least twice monthly during the heating season to determine if a cresote buildup has occured.

If Cresote has accumulated, it should be removed to reduce the risk of a chimney fire.

6. Locate furniture and any other combustibles away from the stove.

7. Store firewood at a safe distance from the store.

8. Disposal of Ashes: Ashes should be placed in a metal container with a tight fitting lid. The closed container of ashes should be placed on a noncombustible floor or on the ground, well away from all combustible materials, pending final disposal. If the ashes are disposed of by burial in soil or otherwise locally dispersed, they should be retained in the closed container until all cinders have thoroughly cooled. Ashes can ignite up to 72 hours after removal.

9. Always exercise caution when using you wood stove. Be particularly careful when there are children around an operating stove.

9. Always exercise caution when using your wood stove. Be particularly careful when there are children around an operating stove. **Caution Never** use gasoline, gasoline-type lantern, fuel, kerosene, charcoal lighter fluid or similar liquids to start or "freshen up" a fire in the **wood stove** Keep all such liquids well away from the stove when it is in use. All fluids of this type give off highly volatile fumes and can and **will explode!** Don't take a chance with the safety of your home and family.

Oklahoma Indian Legal Service READERSHIP SURVEY

The Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) Board of Directors decides which type of Indian law issues will be handled by OILS each year. The Board will make a decision in January designating its case priorities for 1987. They are interested in hearing ideas from the Indian communities how we can better serve the communities. All Indian clients, potential clients, members of the Indian community, or other persons interested in providing information or direction to OILS are invited to complete this survey, clip out and send to the address below. Please note that OILS handles Indian status related and that Legal Aid of Western Oklahoma and Legal Services of Eastern Oklahoma handle other types of cases for low income Indians.

ISSUES	IMPORTANCE AND NEED		
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Land Problems			
— Restricted and Trust Land Problems			
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— Where Family Allows Third Party to Care for Child and They Refuse to Return Child			
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— Fishing rights			
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Education			
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Other			

RETURN DEADLINE: December 15, 1986

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Kinney Named Service Unit Director For Shawnee Indian Health Center

WOODROW KINNEY accepts the challenge of being named the new Service Unit Director of the Shawnee Indian Health Center at Shawnee.

By Kathryn Bell

Woodrow Kinney has been named Service Unit Director by the Indian Health Service, of the Shawnee Indian Health Center at Shawnee.

The appointment for Kinney, Creek-Seminole, was effective Oct. 12. He has been employed with the Indian Health Service for ten years in Oklahoma, primarily in the Personel Training area. He left a position with the Oklahoma IHS Area Office as Personnel Operations Supervisor to assume the Director's position at Shawnee.

The Shawnee Clinic serves five tribes: Iowa, Sac and Fox, Potawatamie, Kickapoo and the Shawnee tribes of Oklahoma. The out-patient clinic has a monthly patient load of 26,000 and operates with a staff of fifty. Included with the specialized clinics - Internal Medicine, Gyn., ENT., Podiatry, Audiology, Urology, and Orthopedics - are a Dental Facility, Human Serices, Community Health Nursing Services, Nutrition, WIC program, Office of Environmental Health and Pharmacy.

Citing his goals for the Clinic, Kinney said that he was looking forward to meeting the challenge presented by the Clinic - "Hopefully, we will improve the quality of care for our patients with the resources that are available to us. We are "tightening our belts" in order to provide as high of quality of care as possible." Kinney said that the administration was in the process of reviewing the existing programs for efficiency streamlining.

Although Kinney doesn't have a medical background, he says that his "on-the-job" training with IHS for ten years, along with the support and cooperation of the Shawnee Clinic staff, will insure meeting the challenge of the Clinic's future.

Kinney received a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Business Administration from Central State University at Edmond, in 1981. He was raised in Wewoka and his parents are the late Wilson Kinney and Ginny Leitka of Wewoka.

Kinney, his wife Adrienne and three daughters, Stacy, 18, Lana, 14 and Alecia, 5, will make their home in Shawnee.

Shawnego Elected "Business Owner of the Year"

UIDA Chairman Louis P. Davis, presented the Business Owner of the Year Award to Ben Shawnego, founder of Tecumseh Construction Co. who was formerly of Weleetka, Okla.

Ben Shawnego (Shawnee/Creek) was recognized for his strong commitment to the growth and development of the Indian construction industry. He promotes Indian involvement in the industry by awarding subcontracts to Indian firms and hiring Indian employees.

The people at Tecumseh have built a reputation for quality and dependable service to America's power industry. The company specializes in electrical construction contracting with an emphasis on power lines, transmission towers, and power substations.

Tecumseh was awarded a contract from the Corps of Engineers for a project at Beale Air Force Base in California. It was the first contract awarded to the company as a participant in the SBA's 8 (a) program in 1984.

UIDA President Stallings explained: "The Small Business Administration supports UIDA's program to assist Indian owned companies. SBA's financial support has helped nearly 100 tribal enterprises and individual Indian businesses all over the U.S."

Laker's owner Jerry Buss was this year's INPRO Dinner Committee Chairman. He presented the Corporate Citizenship Award to Atlantic Richfield (ARCO).

ARCO is working hand-in-hand with UIDA to make a long-term debt financing available to growing Indian companies. He added that these companies will grow and prosper and make a critical contribution to our economy.

Jerry Bathke, director of external affairs for ARCO and himself a special friend of UIDA, accepted the award. He has been involved in Indian affairs for 20 years. Bathke was recently elected to the First American board of directors. His involvement on the board is further proof of ARCO's commitment to Indian advancement.

Economic Development Council Offers Course

American Economic Development Council, Inc. is designed to serve those who are new to the economic development field. For course information write: Dr. Lay James Gibson, Director Arizona BEDC, Harveil Building 76, Box 2, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona 85721, (602) 621-1652.

-INDIAN RUNNERS-

By Rita Williams

Among Indian runners today are some top competitors who not only run for the sport, but for the spiritual and cleansing process involved.

One of these Indian athletes is Tim Fields, Creek, from Tulsa. Fields first started road running three and a half years ago. Encouraged by his younger brother Tony who is a runner on the Haskell Cross Country track team.

The thirty year-old runner remembers, "As a kid I always loved to run," but Fields just started running competitive a year ago.

In 1985, he placed second in his age group in the Andy Payne Memorial race in Oklahoma City. This year he placed first in his age group in that race.

Fields said, "I would rather run marathon because it causes you to dig deep for all you have. That is where the spiritual strength comes in . . .running is spiritual for me. Its like a cleansing process- good for the soul. I do my best thinking at this time."

The Indian athlete's goal is to be the first full-blood to complete the 100 mile race in California, the Western States 100 or the Leadville 100 in Colorado.

The first Annual 1986 Tulsa Marathon was held recently and organized by director John Castello and Fields. The run had 112 entries from surrounding states.

Aside from running, the athlete is a self-employed, free-lance massuer. He teaches Stress Reduction covering the whole aspect of massage from foot reflexology, accupressure massage to sports massage.

Fields resides in Tulsa. He has three children, Aimee 13, Dustin 11 and Tim 2. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fields, Tulsa.

TIM FIELDS

WAYNE COSAR

Wayne Cosar, Creek, is another Indian runner who ran in the recent Tulsa Run. His race time was 1.02:02/ 6:40 per mile. His overall finish was 565th out of 5,157 finishers. In Cosar's age class, 30-34, he finished 129 out of 830 finishers.

Cosar has been road running since 1975 and running competitively for three years.

"I used to ride bareback and bulls- so to keep in shape I would run everyday. It was my family who encouraged me to run competitively", he said. His first road race was a 10k run in Tahlequah- "I noticed older people in their 40's and 50's beating me. . .so I decided to train harder."

The Indian athlete's goal for next year is to bring his time down five minutes, as compared to this years time (1:02:02) and 1985's time (1:07:06).

Cosar commented, "All Indians are naturally good runners. Since they have that ability, they should get more involved. It doesn't take money to run- all it takes is dedication, commitment and discipline. . .what you put into it is what you get out of it."

Cosar won a drawing out of the 9,455 entries in the Tulsa Run. Four entries were drawn for a round trip ticket anywhere in the U.S.A. He will use the ticket to go to one of the bigger races in San Francisco or Florida.

Cosar belongs to the Oklahoma Indian Running Club and has placed in numerous runs over the past years. He resides in Oklahoma and is the son of the late George Cosar and Stella Cosar, Okmulgee.

OBITUARIES

IDA STOW

Ida Stow, 84 year-old resident of Henryetta, died Monday, October 20 in Okemah. Mrs. Stow was a retired telephone operator and a member of the Rebekah Lodge. She was preceded in death by her husband Mac Stow.

Survivors include two nephews, Otis Allen Wilson of Richland, Washington, and Son Clark of El Paso, Texas and two great nephews.

Funeral services were held October 24 at the Apostolic House of Prayer with Reverend John Williams officiating, assisted by Sister Judy Allen. Interment was in the Hoffman Cemetery.

CARMEN FIFE

Carmen (Griffin) Fife, age 71, died in a Tulsa hospital on her birthday, Sunday, November 2. Mrs. Fife was born in 1915 in Okfuskee County near Weleetka. She was a homemaker and reported community news for a local newspaper. Mrs. Fife was recently named as "Outstanding Indian Mother of the Year" for 1986 by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women.

A 1934 valdictorian graduate of Chilocco Indian School, she studied teaching at Santa Fe Indian School, Adams State Teachers College, and the University of Oklahoma. Mrs. Fife taught at Sherman Institute in Riverside, Ca. and a Graham Public School in Weleetka. She was active in school, community and Creek tribal affairs.

A daughter, Hannah Fife, preceeded her in death in 1938. Suvivors include her husband, James Fife of the home; three sons, Bill Fife of Bryant, Timmie Fife and Bryan Fife, both of Dustin; and five daughters, Jimmie Stewart of Washington, Ok., Sharon Mouss of Henryetta, Phyllis Patrick of Stillwell, Sandy Wilson of Morris, and Robin Fife of Tahlequah.

Other suvivors are one brother, Robert Griffin of Weleetka; three sisters, Esther Bales of Norwalk, Ca., Adeline Feathers of Hughson, Ca. and Joan Griffin of Los Angles, Ca.; 19 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held November 6 at Thlewarle Indian Church with the Reverend Jimmy Alexander officiating assisted by the Reverend Roley Haynes. Interment was in the Fife Family Cemetery.

WESLEY LARNEY

Wesley Larney, age four, died in Henryetta November 3 after a long illness. Wesley was born June 25, 1982, In Henryetta to Mitchell and Lisa Larney. Surviving are his parents; one brother, Cole Lareny of the home; grandparents, Ray and Delores Morton of Hoffman and Richard and Lola Larney of Henryetta; great grandparents Doris Bullock and Robert and Jackie Hall, all of Henryetta; and several aunts and uncles.

Funeral services were held November 6 at the Shurden Chapel with the Reverend Albert Collier officiating. Interment was in the West Lawn Cemetery.

ELIJAH HAYNES

Elijah Samuel Haynes, 88 year-old resident of Okmulgee died Nov. 3. Mr. Haynes was born Sept. 30, 1898 in Okmulgee. He returned to Okmulgee from Beggs in 1939. A retired rancher, he was a member of the New Town Methodist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Lucille Factor of Okmulgee; one step-daughter, Ms. Jack Powell of Woodbine, Md.; one step-son, Freeland Douglas of San Antonio, Texas; three grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

Wake service was held November 5 at New Town. Funeral services were held November 6 at New Town Indian Methodist Church. Interment was in New Town Cemetery. Pallbearers were Solomon Kelly, Ralph Fox, Bill Wilburn, John Montgomery, Jackie Jackson, and Rodney Durossett.

JAMES M. GRAYSON

James M. Grayson, age 72, died Wednesday, Nov. 5, in Okmulgee.

Mr. Grayson, born January 29, 1914 in Beggs, was a retired sheet metal worker and resided in Okmulgee. He was preceded in death five children and one grandchild.

Survivors include two sons, Tommy Grayson, and Anthony Grayson, both of Okmulgee; six daughters, Kathryn Grayson of Glenpool, and Clara Williams, Marianne Scott, Hattie Hensley, Christine Bear, and Diana Compton, all of Okmulgee; 27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were scheduled for 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 7 at the Buchanan Memorial Chapel, with Rev. David Fleming officiating. Interment in Okmulgee Cemetery, under the direction of Buchanan-McClendon Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Alfred Berryhill, John Willie, Frankie Starr, Wayne Sprouse, Dean Glenn, and Anthony Monahwee.

AMANDA B. JIMBOY

Funeral services for Mrs. Amanda B. Jimboy, 60, were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.in the Creek Chapel Methodist Church with Rev. Louis Harjo officiating. Mrs. Jimboy died Oct. 31 in her home after a long illness.

Mrs. Jimboy was born in Okfusgee County on March 26, 1926 and had been a resident of this county all of her life. She was married to Paul. R. Jimboy in 1943 and was a member of the Creek Chapel Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Paul R. Jimboy, of the home; three sons, Richard Jimboy, Ronnie Jimboy and Ray Jimboy, all of the home; six daughters, Mrs. Deanna Elm, Dallas Texas, Mrs. Wanda LeFlore, Lawrence, Kansas, Mrs. Pauline "Marie" Faubion, Dallas, Texas, Mrs. Judy St. Arnold, Silver Springs, Maryland, Mrs. Edna Jimboy, Clearview, Mrs. Joanna Birdcreek, Sapulpa; her mother, Mrs. Melisa K. Harjo; one brother, Joseph Anderson, Okemah; three sisters, Mrs. Ella Severs, Okemah, Mrs. Eliza Berryhill, Preston and Mrs. Lucinda Harjo, Okemah; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

MORNING STAR
Outreach Center

Morning Star Outreach Center Located at 5161 East 171st, Bixby, Oklahoma

Morning Star Opens Outreach Center

The Morning Star Organization has actively promoted the Gospel of Christ to the Indian and non-Indian alike for the last two years. The desire of this ministry is to see all men join to God through our Lord and Savior Jesus. As we continue in the ministrv of reconciliation. we have seen results of what Jesus can do that no man can. We will continue to strive for the freedom of our people.

The Outreach team of Morning Star has ministered in the prisons of State of Oklahoma, the Government Schools and reservations. Today we serve a total of 300 inmates by holding services, counseling, and fellowship with them. This organization will continue to seek ways to set up programs that will have a life changing effect on those that we come in contact with. The challenge of a rebellious generation has made this ministry determined to meet the opposition and conquer and restore what rightfully belongs to God.

The Outreach Center could not function without the personnel we now have. To go and minister is just part of a ministry. I praise God for the faithful people who work together in unity to see that this ministry continues to meet the needs of our people. I thank the Lord for you our faithful supporters who have made it possible to continue this work the Lord has set before us.

For those who would like to know where we meet, I invite you to come and join us on Monday nights for our weekly prayer meeting, childrens ministry is available. Come and see us we are located at 5161 E. 171 st. St. Bixby, OK.

In His Service,
George Autaubo, Vice-President

National Council Minutes

SPECIAL SESSION
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1986
CALL TO ORDER: Carney Roberts Speaker
ROLL CALL: A quroum was declared with twenty four members present. Roll call was

A BILL 6A to be introduced on the June 17,1986 during a Special Session of the National Council introduced and authored by Frank Kamp. Title: A BILL Supporting the Action of the American People in Repealing P. L. 93-531. The BILL was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Council Assembled finds that the Government of the United States is attempting through P.L. 93-531 to remove certain American Indian People from their lands. Land's which are considered by these people to be sacred and vital to their very existence; and

WHEREAS, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is well aware of the very real dangers of relocation in that the several Tribes of the Muscogee Nation, in the 1830's were forced from their homes and lands in what is now the State of Oklahoma, that would by an Agreement (Treaty) with the United States belong FOREVER to the Muscogee Nation; and

WHEREAS, the people of the Muscogee Nation, infants, adults and the very old, both male and female were forced, and driven like animals, by United States Government Troops, to start their own death march, and this forced march of the people of the Muscogee Nation would be much later know as the Trail of Tears; and

WHEREAS, The Muscogee (Creek) National Council finds no reason to believe that the American Indian people who will be forced to re-locate under provisions of P.L. 93-531 will fare any better than the people of the Muscogee Nation because of the fact that all agreements (treaties) that have been made between the various Indian Tribes and the United States have been violated by the United States, as was the promise made by the United States that the lands in Oklahoma would belong "FOREVER" to the Muscogee Nation;

Section 102. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in Council Assembled, with a Tribal Membership in excess of twenty-five thousand (25,000) Indian People urges your action in repealing P.L 93-531. Such action would best serve the needs of the American Indian people living on said lands. The BILLS having

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"Save the Children" Helped by Coors

Salt River Pima Indian parents and their children will benefit from a recent donation by Adolph Coors Company to the Save the Children Federation.

The company contributed $5,000 which will be used to address the high incidence of diabetes and obesity among the children of the Salt River Pima Tribe in Phoenix, Arizona.

Nearly 4,000 people make up the tribe, many of whom suffer from diabetes. Through the Save the Children program, trained professionals will work with the Pimas to improve nutritional habits, educate parents on the cause and prevention of diabetes, provide workshops on organic gardening of traditional Native Indian food crops and encourage physical fitness program for adults, adolescents and children.

"Our program is based on the principle that community people can best determine their own needs and carry out their own self help programs," explains Virginia Raff of Save the Children. "The most positive change in children's lives occurs when the community members themselves assume responsibility for the change."

Coors has identified health and wealth of Native Americans as a priority for national programs. Coors supports the Salt River Pima Indian project because it encourages community support for families who are seeking to prevent health programs through changed dietary patterns and increased physical activities.

Coors is the first major corporate sponsor of the program, started in June, 1986.

A.A.I.P. Conference Promotes Motivation in Lifestyle Behavior

BY J.T. GARRET, Ed.D., M.P.H.

Dr Garret made this presentation at the Association of American Indian Physicians 15th Annual Conference held last August in Albuquerque, N.M. Garret is a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee and is currently the Deputy Director of the Office of Health Programs for the Indian Health Service.

Dr. Garret indicated that when he talks of methodologies for attaining good health, he is specifically talking about lifestyles and lifestyle behavior.

He stated that until we can get people to become more responsible and get them to make better choices about their own health, making diagnosis and expending more money is not going to accomplish a whole lot.

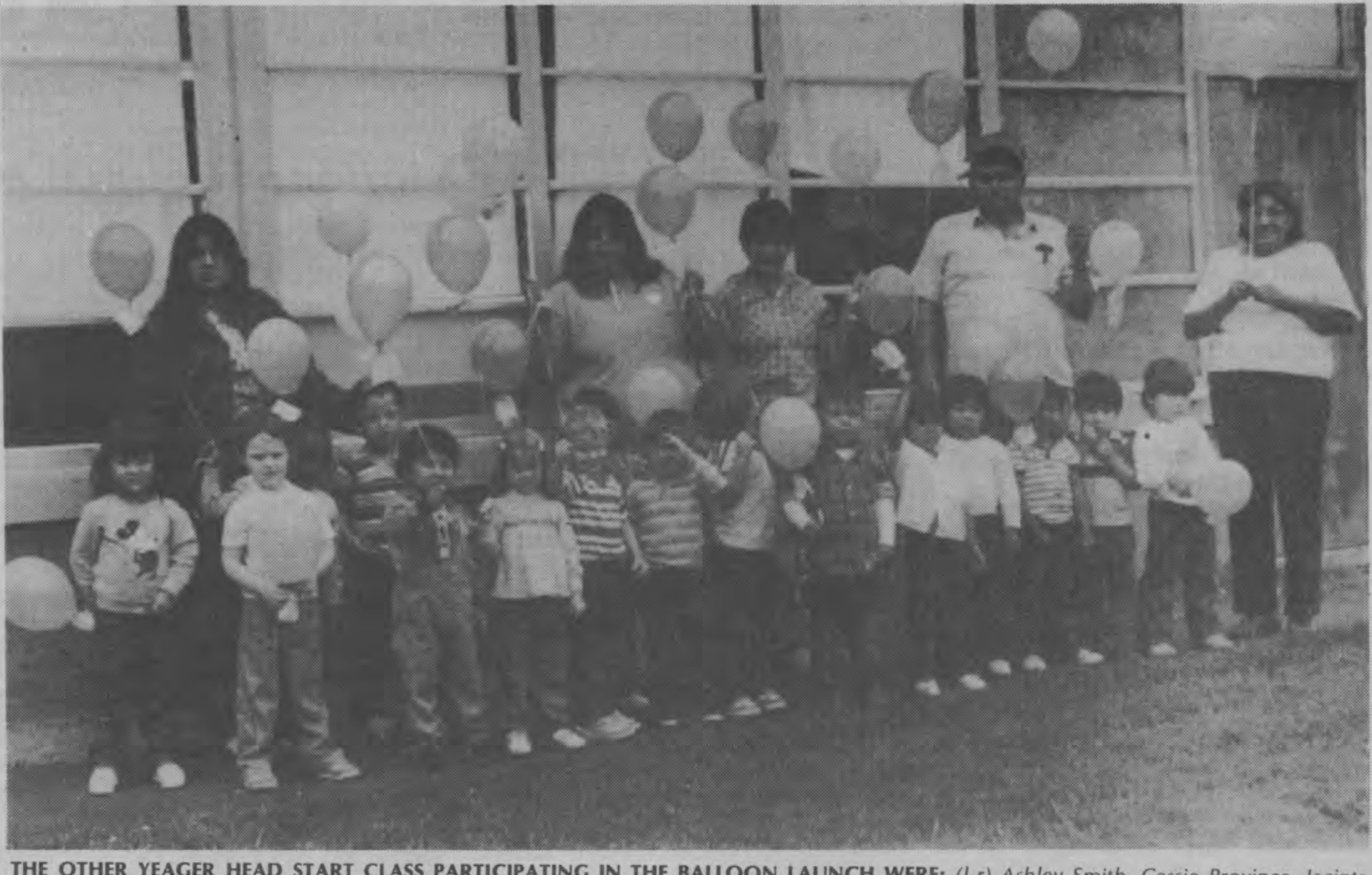
To this end, Dr. Garret described a health promotion model composed of five commonly recognized areas of wellness. These areas included self-responsibility, nutritional awareness, stress awareness and management, physical sitness and environmental sensitivity.

In addition to other health promotion models, he also spoke of the traditional Indian model of health and its applicability and appropriateness for both Indian and non-Indian people today.

Creek Nation Head Start Centers Participate in National Balloon Launch

The month of October has been recognized as Head Start Awareness Month. One activity of this celebration was the national synchronized ballon launch. the four Creek Nation Head Start Centers, Okmulgee, Eufaula, Yeager and Sapulpa) all aprticipated in the launch. Each child launched a balloon with their name and the address of their school attached. The students all enjoyed the activity and hope to receive a card from individuals finding the balloons.

YEAGER HEAD START STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE BALLOON LAUNCH were: (l-r)*Felicia Whitetree, Kevin Arthur, Misty Rogers, Jerome Lottie, Wanda Vinson, Temish Wesley, Travis Robinson, Phillip Harrison, Richard Lowe, Waylon Hobia, Trisha Wheat, Lenzie Moppin, Susan Harjo, Anne Marie Leonard, Brandi Johnson, and Misty Parchcorn. Students not present, but had balloons launched for them were: Christy Anderson, Elisha Scott, Jonathan Merriman, Sara Olden, Earlise Brown, and Clinton Lowe. Micki Deer is the teacher, aides are Janice Lowe and Ann McGirt.*



THE OTHER YEAGER HEAD START CLASS PARTICIPATING IN THE BALLOON LAUNCH WERE: *(l-r) Ashley Smith, Cassie Province, Jacinta Stevenson, Brandon Yargee, Anthony Long, Brandy Hale, Mary Givens, Derrick Morris, Kyle Yahola, Lee Arron Ross, Russell Harjo, Crystal Yahola, Vannessa Battiest, Wilson Yargee, Carl Hobia, and Sara Tiger. Students not present in this class, but had balloons sent up for them with their names on them were: Damien and Derrick Brown, and Shannon Harjo. Adults shown are: Linda Fish, aide; Pat Lincoln, teacher; Elouise Johnson, cook; Tom Barnes, bus driver; and Eliza Yargee, cook.*

Muskogee-Seminole-Wichita Baptist Association Meet

By Ethel Coleman Torres

The Muskogee-Seminole-Wichita Baptist Indian Association held its 11th annual meeting at its Assembly Ground, with the theme "Bringing Together Lordship and Servanthood."

The opening annual sermon was delivered by the Rev. Bridge Chuckluck, pastor of First Indian Baptist of Okmulgee.

The 6 a.m. devotionals were held in the tabernacle. The 8 a.m. call to prayer each morning was followed at 8:30 a.m. by bible study led by the Rev.George Jesse, pastor of Spring Indian Baptist Church of Sasakwa.

The 9 a.m. classes each day, preschool-youth-children, was directed by youth sponsors. The 10:45 a.m. services each day were preached Thursday, "Governed by the Mind of Christ" by Jake Marshall of Quarsarty Indian Baptist Church of Cromwell - Friday - "Servanthood and Stewardship" by Richmond Carr - Saturday - "Servanthood and Personal Ethnics" by A.L. Smith.

The 4:45 p.m. sermons were preached by Jim Kerr - "Servanthood at Home" on Thursday, Friday "Servanthood and Suffering by Gary Hawkins. Saturday the 4:45 p.m. service John Kelly was in charge.

The 7:30 p.m. Thursday general service theme was "Servanthood in the Church" Friday - "The Rewards of Servanthood" by Dr. Frank Belvin of Okmulgee. On Saturday night the annual memorial service was held by the obituary committee so that each church could recognize its active members who had died this past year and was preached by the Rev. Dan Phillips Jr. of Stidham (general missionary for the Association). Dan also had the missionary sermon Sunday morning as the closing of the 1986 Assembly. The Sunday school hour was chaired by J.B. Fish of Wetumka, in charge.

Thursday morning the WMU and Baptist Men started their own conferences, with continued conferences in the afternoon. The joint business sessions were held Friday and Saturday, until all reports were given. It ended Saturday afternoon with the election of new officers for 1986-87.

Association moderator will be the Rev. Bridge Chuckluck, assistant moderator-Jim Kerr; secretary-Geneva Colbert of Eufaula; assistant-Elsie Bruner; treasurer-Ernest Marshall; Sunday School director-Leon Postoak; church training director-George (Toby) Alexander; brotherhood director-Solomon Bullet; WMU director-Helen Coon; music director-Millie Jean Colbert: librarian and historian-Leona Colbert; child care-Melissa McCoy; youth sponsors-Carolyn Fish and Susanna Factor; recreation director-Soloman Beaver; pianist-Henretta Marshall; caretaker-Roley Frye.

The music emphasis for 1986-87 objective is to support the goals of bold mission thrust in reaching people, developing believers and strengthening missions with the theme "Musicians on Misson- That All May Hear - Beginning at Home!"

Child care will be known henceforth as special care ministries and will include senior adults as well as children. McCoy reported there are six Oklahoma Baptist Village apartments for senior adults and a place for those with limited care. Some churches are negligent in their giving through birthdays, anniversaranniversaries and Mother's Day offerings, which help support all these programs. Attention was brought out that a reported 1600 each year in Oklahoma reach the age of 65

Nathan Kelly, Association Committee clerk, reminded each church of the need of money for the maintenance fund of Assembly Ground. Monday is work day and more workers are urged to go out and help keep up the buildings and grounds. The women quilt and use their money for needed items. The men also cut wood to sell (any buyers?) for the ground's expenses. But they are in need right now of a good chain saw - and also a good vacuum cleaner for the chapel.

A second educational arbor will be started as soon as supplies are supplied. Experienced carpenters will be needed as time and finances permit.

A special thanks was given Geneva Fish of Sand Creek Baptist Church and of Wetumka and Sarah McCombs of Dustin, who have been so faithful to cook and prepare meals for the workers. Everyone brings potluck (which helps) and you don't have to be on the committee to go out and help Mondays.

Irene Land of Sapulpa Little Cussetah Indian Baptist Church was appointed as Assembly Ground committee treasurer. Blanch Alexander of Montezuma Indian Baptist Church near Okemah was appointed benevolence store (located in Henryetta). Treasurer Phillip Coon announced the John McIntosh missionary offering again will be $2,500 for this year.

Water proofing and painting of chapel and bell tower was completed, thanks to Phillip Coon. Thanks to Sand Creek Indian Baptist Church of Wetumka, which supplied much of the materials and did most of the construction of the education arbor. Andrew Fish and Lewis Bible deserve much thanks for their work on it.

On September 26 the WMU leadership and RA conclave will have met at Assembly Ground. On Oct. 8-10, the State Indian Leadership Conference will be held at Falls Creek near Davis and on Oct. 31 the youth rally at High Spring Indian Baptist Church, south of Okemah, will start at 10 a.m.

Evangelist Ernest Best:

"Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. And he said, go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. Then said I, Lord, how long?" Isaiah 6:8,9,11a

We have now been in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada, for three weeks. The first week was spent with the both of us visiting and witnessing, both door to door and with establishing contacts. The second week was spent visiting during the day, and in revival at night. The last week was spent in teaching a Bible study each night. Prince Albert is a fair sized city with approximately 30,000 people, of which 9,000-10,000 are Indians, but the response to this outreach effort was not great. There were two young teenaged boys saved. This country is a very religious nation. There are many churches. A good portion of television time is given to religious programing. However, there are not many born-again Christians. We are reminded of II Corinthians 4:3,4,"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that at are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." Please pray for the native people of this city that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We experience many things in our travels which we believe you would find interesting, but for lack of room cannot share all of them with you. However, there are a few things we should share with you at this time.

During our last service in Wisconsin, (which was after our last letter was written), the Lord moved in mighty way. There were two older adults saved and many rededications.

During our meeting in Lac du Flambeau, the pastor's wife was out picking up people for church when she had to stop...because a bear was sauntering down the road.

During our meeting in Prince Albert, the pastor's wife was out picking up people for church, when she had to stop for what appeared to be a pile of old clothes in the street. It was a native woman who had passed out and had fallen in the street. She took her to a nearby house.

We miss our family very much, perhaps more during the time of holidays more than any other because holidays have always been special times for our family. But God is so gracious to us. One church learned that we were to be passing through their area during the Labor Day period and invited us to their church picnic. We accepted and had a great time. We left there exhausted from fellowshipping day and night with the pastor and members. Exhausted, but rejoicing because of the love shown us. "Everyone that hath forsaken houses, or brethen, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life." Matt. 19:29

On this, our fifth trip into Canada, we were for the first time, searched from stem to stern by customs officials at the port of entry. We were happy we had nothing to hide.

Early one morning this week, we were abruptly awakened by a loud CRASH! which sounded like it was on top of our trailor. We found a large pine tree had fallen and the top had hit the awning at the front of the trailer. Thank God, it was not on the top of the trailer.

We feel impressed to share a need with you. One of our Indian churches, which is doing a good job in reaching our Indian people has a need for a van. On this reservation, as on most, it is necessary to pick up most of the people who attend church. Perhaps you have a 15 passenger van that could be put into the Lord's work or perhaps you would like to help us buy a van for them. Please pray and let us know as soon as possible what the Lord lays on your heart to do.

We are constantly aware of your love for the Lord's work as you faithfully support this ministry of reaching our Indian people for Christ, both financially and through your intercessory prayers. The longer we serve Him, the more we are aware of God's grace in saving, sustaining and providing for His people. Praise His wonderful Name.

Your missionaries to the North American Indians,

Bro. Ernest and Bennie Best

Ethel Torres Receives Award

-Reprint from Okemah News Leader

Ethel Coleman Torres of Weleetka, daughter of Arline Robison Coleman, was named the recipient of the 1986 Mary Townsend Crow Service Award by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women from her many years of service in answering needs of people, especially Indian students.

One of the accomplishments Ethel has been credited with includes writing news of Indian happenings for newspapers for over five years. The last two years she has sent in articles to 25 newspapers across the state. She has also written a small booklet of poems, "The Rose Still Grows" on how she accepted the death of her young daughter. She occasionally reads her poems on various radio stations and on television.

She was voting inspector in Lake View Terrace, Calif.; editor of the Cub Scout Newsletter there, and member of the PTA City Council of Santa Barbara, Calif.

She raised $2,000 for the Dr. William Coleman Scholarship Fund for Haskell Indian Jr. College in Lawrence, Kansas. Dr. Coleman was her brother, and she instigated the fund when he died. She has also collected and sent 1,000 lbs. of nearly-new clothing to the students.

In 1985, the OFIW presented Ethel with the 1985 Humanitarian Award and the Eagle Feather Dress Pen for services to Indians. The Haskell Chapter of Haskell Indian Jr. College alumni presented her with two plaques for service to the school and nominated her for an honorary degree from the school. Dr. Eugene Lietka, Dean of Education at that time, requested Ethel return in the fall to speak to the students on "Goals and Importance of Education and Joy and Satisfaction of Learning."

Ethel attended her first eight years in Weleetka Public schools and was neither absent nor tardy the first seven years. She was on the Honor roll for four years at Chilocco Indian School where she was graduated.

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been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Leah Stacy to approve the BILL as read.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty Three in Favor, None Against, No Abstentions.

MOTION CARRIED. BILL 6-A was approved as read and shall be recorded as such. A motion was made by Patricia Clark and seconded by Betty Foster to limit the discussion on these BILLS for three to five minutes. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty Three in Favor None Against, No Abstentions. MOTION CARRIED. BILL 6A was approved as read and shall be recorded as such. A BILL 6 B to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, on th the June 17th., 1986 to be enacted on by full Council Acting as a Committee of the Whole.

TITLE: A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending NCA 85-59, the Tribal Budget for FY-86. The BILL was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. The Tribal Budget for FY-1986 is hereby amended at Section 101 (A) (2) National Council at (A) and (B) as follows: Delete $12,000 from Stipend-Parliamentarian and zero it out and add the $12,000 to item (A) Per Deim/Committee Meeting an Special Session; and take $10,000 from the Bingo Revenue adding the amount to line item Per Diem/Committee Meetings and Special Sessions making this amount $11,219.94. (A) MEMBER COSTS, Compensation/$250/mo., Payroll Taxes, Per Diem/Committee Meetings and Special Sessions, Travel and Training. (B) STAFF COST— Secretary, Fringe Benefits, Stipend-Parliamentarian. (C) OPERATING EXPENSE, Office Space, Telephone,Operating Expense, Contingency.

Section 102. The sum of $10,000 (ten-thousand dollars) is hereby appropriated from the Bingo Revenue Account, for Per Diem/Committee Meetings and Special Sessions of the National Council. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Irene Cleghorn to put it on the floor for discussion. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty Three in Favor, None Against, No Abstentions: The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained discussion. A motion was made by Kenneth Childers and seconded by Leah Stacy to amend BILL 6-B by adding a new section as follows: Section 102. The sum of $10,000 (ten thousand dollars) is hereby appropriated from the Bingo Revenue Account, for Per Diem/Committee Meetings and Special Sessions of the National Council. The Chair called for the question. Upon a motin duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in Favor, Eleven Against, No Abstentions. MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE. The amendment shall be reflected in the final draft of the Bill. The Chair called for the question, for the approval/disapproval of BILL 6-B as amended. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in Favor, Ten Against, No Abstentions. Those being against: Buck, Johnson, Larney, Foster, Buck, Hale, Clark, Chupco, Wheeler and Miller. MOTION CARRIED BY MAJORITY VOTE. BILL 6-B was approved as read and shall be recorded as such. A BILL 6-C was introduced by Kenneth Childers and presented to the full Council acting as a Committee of the Whole.

TITLE: A BILL AUTHORIZING THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH KEV CORP. AERONAUTICAL CORPORATIONS OF OKLAHOMA CITY. The Bill was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The National Council finds that Kev Corp Aeronautical would contribute to the economic development of the Creek Nation and the State of Oklahoma. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is hereby authorized to enter into negotiations with the Kev Corp Aeronautical Corporation up to the amount of $500,000 (five-hundred thousand dollars.) **Section 103.** The funds to sponsor these negotiations shall be taken from the Bingo Revenue Funds and from Docket 7151. The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded Primeaux to approve the BILL (6C) as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eleven in Favor, nine against, three abstentions: Those voting Yes were: Bear, Johnsn Buck, Johnson, Childers, Dunson, Robert Buck, Hale, Thomas, Primeaux, Wheeler and Miller. Those voting No were: Fox, Larney, Foster, Stacy, Clark, McIntosh, Chupco, Hardridge and Wilson. Those abstaining were: Barnett, Cleghorn, and Kamp. Motion carried by majority vote. The Bill was approved as read and shall be recorded as such. Meeting adjourned by unanimous decision.

July 26, 1986-Quarterly Session

INVOCATION: Tony Hale

CALL TO ORDER: Carney Roberts, Speaker

ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with twenty-six members being present, two members absent. Roll Call was as follows: Those absent being: Robert Hardridge and Dorothy Miller.

READING OF MINUTES

The minutes were mailed prior to the meeting. The Chair entertained a motion for approval of the minutes. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Helen Chupco to approve the minutes of May 31, 1986, June 10, 1986, and June 17, 1986. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-five in favor, None against, No abstentions. MOTION CARRIED. The minutes were approved.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

1. Old Business.

Veto Message Returning NCA 86-29. The message was read and considered as follows: June 25, 1986, MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 86-29 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS.

I, Claude Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation,, hereby return NCA 86-29 entitled, "Amending NCA 85-29, the Tribal Budget FY 86" to the National Council with the following objections:

Objection One: Increasing the cost of tribal government is contrary to the wishes of the Creek people. During each hearing process regarding the expenditure of tribal revenues, the Creek people have expressed their concern over increasing the costs of tribal government. It is imperative that, as elected tribal officials, we exercise fiscal constraint and live within budgetary limitations.

Objection Two: The current Three-Year Plan implies a 30% limit on Governmental Costs. NCA 82-11 established a Three-Year Plan for the allocation of tribal revenues. This plan established a 30% limit of those selected funds for tribal government. In accordance with the ordinance, there is a question whether additional funds can be appropriated for tribal government in excess of the 30% limit.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the National Council examine the budgetary situation and, if modifications are appropriate, the changes be made within the $203,768 available for National Council during the 1986 fiscal year. Therefore, in accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, I hereby return NCA 86-29 unsigned, as a veto, to the National Council. Signed Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, CAC/pd

THE MESSAGE HAVING BEEN READ, THE CHAIR OPENED THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION. Discussion having been held, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Micky Primeaux and seconded by Leah Stacy to override the veto of NCA 86-29. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Thirteen in Favor, Thirteen Against, No abstention. Those against were: Larry Bible, Johnson Buck,Robert Buck, Betty Foster, Joe Fox, Anthony Hale, Helen Chupco, Patricia Clark, Clyde Johnson, Richard Larney, Carney Roberts, Earl Wheeler,and Barton Williams. Those absent being, Robert Hardridge and Dorothy Miller. MOTION DID NOT RECEIVE THE TWO—THIRDS REQUIRED VOTE FOR AN OVERRIDE. The veto of NCA 86-29 will stand and shall be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

An alternate BILL was introduced by the Speaker. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Leah Stacy to add BILL 7p to the agenda under Items for Consideration. Upon a motion having been made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in Favor, Six Against, No Abstentions. Those against being: Roy Bear, Johnson Buck, Robert Buck, Frank Kamp,rRichard Larney, and Barton Williams. MOTION CARRIED. BILL 7p will be added to the agenda under Items for Consideration. Veto Message Returning NCA 86-30.

The Message was read and considered as follows: June 25, 1986, MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 86-30 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS.

As Principal Chief, I, Claude A. Cox return NCA 86-30 entitled "Authorizing the Principal Chief to Enter in Negotiations with Kev Corp Aeronautical Corporation of Oklahoma City", to the National Council with objections as follows:

Objection One: Time restraints do not allow a thorough investigation of the proposal. The individuals presenting the proposal stressed that time was of the essence. Since the constitutional requirements, as well as the 10 day negotiation period for finalization of the contract, do no allow sufficient time to complete the necessary analyses of the proposal and background investigations of the offerors, it is in the best interest of the tribal government not to participate in the venture at this time.

Objection Two: The Proposal contained no solid information regarding return on investment. From the information provided by the offerors, it is unclear how the tribal government would receive a reasonable return on its investment. The return, if any, would be subject to considerable risk.

Objection Three: The interrelationship of the Corporate Entities is unclear. From the information presented, it is apparent that there is no formal relationship whatsoever between the offerors and Avtek Corporation.

Objection Four: The investment by the Tribal Government does not guarantee employment of Tribal Members. The documents presented by the offerors do not guarantee a production plant located within the boundaries of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The probability of such a project being implemented in the forseeable future is remote.

RECOMMENDATIONS: This office recommends that this project receive a low priority and other economic develop projects be examined which would provide immediate employment with less risk. Therefore, this office is returning NCA 86-30 unsigned as a veto in accordance with Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Natin. Signed Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, CAC/pd.

THE MESSAGE HAVING BEEN READ, THE CHAIR OPENED THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION. Discussion having been held, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Johnson Buck to let the Veto stand. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-five in Favor, None against, No Abstentions.

MOTION DID CARRY. The veto of NCA 86-30 will stand and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

Veto Message Returning NCA 86-31. The Message was read and considered as follows: July 17, 1986, MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 86-31 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS. In accordance with the tribal constitution, I, Claude A. Cox, hereby return NCA 86-31 entitled, "Permitting the Rodeo and Festival Committees to Use Land for Tribal Purposes Without a Lease", to the National Council with following objections:

Objection One: The Legislation limits the Tribal Government's ability to recover future costs associated with the Festival and Rodeo. With decreases in potential funding for tribal programs and activities, it will be necessary to explore alternate funding for costs associated with the festival and rodeo. One future option to offset utility and other costs incurred by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation may be to charge for all activities using the facility. While other sources of incomemay be found, it is not in the best interest of the tribal government to prohibit lease agreements for the festival and rodeo activities.

Objection Two: Legislation is pending regarding the creation of an Administrative Board to oversee the Festival and Rodeo.

A BILL to create an administrative board is currently under consideration by the National Council. It appears that the pending legislation has gained support with the likelihood that some of the Bill will be passed. It would be premature at this date to enact NCA 86-31 until the entire festival and rodeo situation can be adequately examined.

Recommendation: This office recommends that NCA 86-31 not be enacted and the bill creating the administrative entity be given expedited consideration. Therefore, NCA 86-31 is returned, unsigned as a veto, under the powers vested in the Office of the Principal Chief. Signed Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, CAC/pd

THE MESSAGE HAVING BEEN READ, THE CHAIR OPENED THE FLOOR FOR DISCUSSION. Discussion having been held, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Pat Clark to let the veto of NCA 86-31. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in Favor, Eighteen Against, One Abstention. Those in favor being: Buck, Buck, Chupco, Clark, Hale, Johnson. Those against being: Barnett,Bear, Bible, Childers, Cleghorn, Dunn, Dunson, Fox, Kamp, Larney, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas, Wheeler, Williams, Wilson. Those abstaining being: Betty Foster.

MOTION DID NOT PASS. A motion was made by Leah Stacy and seconded by Sandy McIntosh to override the veto of NCA 86-31.

Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Nineteen in Favor, Six Against, One Abstention. Those being in favor: -Barnett. Bear, Bible, Dunn, Dunson, Fox, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Stacy, Childers,

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Cleghorn, Kamp, Larney, Roberts, Thomas, Wheeler, Williams, Wilson. Those being against: Buck, Buck, Hale, Chupco, Clark, Johnson. Those abstaining: Betty Foster. MOTION DID CARRY. The Veto of NCA 86-31 received the required two-thirds vote for an override and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

NEW BUSINESS. New business was conducted as follows:

7K A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION ESTABLISHING THE "BUY CREEK ACT"—THE PROVISION OF PREFERENCE TO CREEK OWNED BUSINESS IN THE PURCHASE OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

The Bill was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. The National Council Finds: A. That there is a need to create a relationship between Creek owned businesses and the Nation for the purpose of promoting an economic system.

B. That it is in the best interest of the Muscogee (Creek) Government to promote and support Creek owned businesses.

C. That Creek businesses that grow and prosper help reduce the unemployment rate in the Nation.

Section 102. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation and any agency and every person acting as purchasing agent for the Nation or any of its agencies shall prefer, in all purchases of goods and services, vendor of Creek citizenry ownership: provide d, that such preference shall not be for goods or services of inferior quality to those offered from other vendors, but a differential of not to exceed five (5%) percent may be allowed in the cost of Creek vendors or services.

Section 103. For the purpose of this Act Creek Vendors shall be defined as businesses which possess fifty-one (51%) percent of Creek citizenship ownership, and who are registered with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation as a Creek Vendor, and shall pay a five ($5.00) dollar registration fee.

Section 104. The Executive Branch of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation shall publish annually a directory of Creek owned businesses and shall distribute this directory to agencies who are desiring to do business with minority vendors.

Section 105. At least every two years, the Nation shall publish a list of the type of goods and services that are purchased by the Nation and shall distribute the list to Creek owned businesses.

Section 106. Creek Vendors who are registered with the Nation shall be invited to bid on procurement contracts offered by the nation. Any Creek Vendor who fails to bid at least once in a fiscal year shall be taken off the vendors list.

The Bill having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Harley Little to approve BILL 7k as read. The Chair entertained discussion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded the roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-five in Favor, None Against, No Abstentions.

MOTION CARRIED. BILL 7k was approved as read and shall be entered into the Creek nation Code of Laws as such.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

A motion was made by Larry Bible and seconded by Jonas Dunson t oadd 7L, 7M, 7N, 70, 7P under item for consideration to the agenda. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-five in Favor, None against, No Abstentions.

MOTION CARRIED. The BILLS 7L,7M,7N,70, and 7P were placed on the agenda.

A motion was made by Kenneth Childers and seconded by Micky Primeaux to place the BILL 7p at the top of the agenda. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-one in Favor, Two Against, Two Abstentions. Those being against: Roy Bear and Johnson Buck. Those abstaining being: Anthony Hale and Robert Buck.

7P A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING NCA 85-59, THE TRIBAL BUDGET, FOR FY—86.

The BILL was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 85-59, The Tribal Budget for FY-86, is hereby amended at Section 101 (2) National Council (a) (b) and (c) by: 1. Deleting $1q,822.00 from Payroll Taxes, $1,200.00 from Stipend Parliamentarian, $2,855.00 from Operating Expenses, $1,267.10 from Contingency. 2. Adding the total of $7,233.10 to line item - Per Diem/Committee Meetings and Special Sessions. The BILL having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Leah Stacy and seconded by Betty Foster to approve BILL 7p as read.

The Chair entertained discussion. Upon a motion having been dulymade and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Sixteen in Favor, Nine Against, No Abstentions. Those being against: Bear, Buck, Buck, Foster, Johnson, Kamp, Larney, Thomas, Wheeler. MOTION CARRIED. BILL 7P was approved as read and shall be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION MAKING SPECIFIC ASSURANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE 1986 APPLICATION FOR THE HOUSING PRESERVATION GRANT U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. The BILL was read and considered as follows:

Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled:

FINDINGS. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has been invited (by the U.S. Department of Agriculture) to submit an application for a grant to fund Certain Housing Preservation Grant Program Activities.

Section 102. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby assures the U.S. Department of Agriculture that: A. Prior to the submission of the application, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has prepared and followed a written citizen participationplan which provides Muscogee(Creek) citizens, especially those living in the areas where activities are proposed or ongoing, with adequate information concerning the amount of funds available for proposed housing preservation and repair activities, the range of activities that may be assisted, and the most highly rated activites under the approved rating systems, and has advised them of other important program requirements: and has solicited their review and participation.

B. Prior to the submission of the application, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has followed traditional tribal means of citizen involvement that meets the standards required in Subpart "B" as well as this Ordinance, which provided adequate opportunity to articulate needs, activities, assist in the selection of priorities, and otherwise participate in the development of application. C. The Muscogee Nation certifies that the citizens participation requirements of 7 CFR Part 1944.674 have been met.

Section 103. No part of this Ordinance shall be construed to restrict the responsibility and authority of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Government for the development of the application and the execution of the Housing Preservation Grant Program. Accordingly, the citizen participation requirements of this Ordinance do not include concurrence by any person or group involved in citizen participation in making final determination concerning the funding and contents of the application. The sole responsibility and authority to make such final determination rest exclusively with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Government.

Section 104. Based upon the Foregoing participation process, the Muscogee (Creek) nation shall include the following proposed programs in the 1986 Application for Housing Preservation Grant Funds: A. Creek Nation Boundaries...Housing Rehabilitation and Repairs.

Section 105. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation assumes all responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1968 for environmental review, decision making and any action that would apply to the Secretary, where the Secretary is to undertake these tribal projects as federal projects. The sovereign immunity of the Nation is waived only for the purpose of this section, and only declaratory, injunctive or equitable relief from the Courts of the Muscogee Nation; provided that claims against the treasury of the Muscogee Nation are not permitted by this section. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Patricia Clark and seconded by Joe Fox to approve BILL 7L as read. The Chair entertained discussion. A motion was made by Joe Fox and seconded by Sandy McIntosh to amend BILL 7L to read. Section 106. No money shall be spent from Line Item Indirect Cost until Indirect Cost Budget has been presented and approved by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribal Council. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-three in Favor, One Against, No Abstentions. Those being against: Anthony Hale. MOTION CARRIED. BILL 7L was amended as approved. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Micky Primeaux to delete Section 105 and changing Section 106 to Section 105. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-three in favor, one against and no abstentions: Voting Yes were: Barnett, Bear, Bible, Robert Buck, Childers, Chupco, Clark, Cleghorn, Dunn, Dunson, Foster, Fox, Johnson, Kamp, Larney, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas, Wheeler, Williams and Wilson; those voting No were: Hale. Motion carried Bill 7L was amended as approved. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Primeaux to delete Section 105 and changing Section 106 to Section 105. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-four in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried Bill 7L was amended as approved. A motion was made by Wilson and seconded by Stacy to amend Bill 7L by adding: Section 106. Amend the budget line item fringe of 27% (twenty-seven percent) by making that amount 20% (twenty percent) and adding the difference to the total services. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty in favor, four against and no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Barnett, Bear, Bible, Robert Buck, Childers, Cleghorn, Dunn, Dunson, Foster, Fox, Johnson, Kamp, Little, McIntosh, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas, Wheeler, Williams and Wilson, those voting No were: Chupco, Clark, Hale, and Larney. Motion carried Bill 7L was amended as approved. The Chair called for the question. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken to approve 7L as amended with the results being: Twenty four in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried Bill 7L was approved as amended and shall be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

The Bill was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the National Council falls on August 30th, a holiday weekend.

Section 102. The National Council hereby re-schedules the August Meeting Date to August 23rd, and shall commence at the regular scheduled time of 10:00 a.m., in the auditorium of the Mound Building at the Tribal Capitol Complex, Okmulgee, Ok. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Mickey Primeaux and seconded by Irene Cleghorn to approve the BILL as read. The Chair entertained discussion. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-three in Favor, One Against,No Abstentions. Those being against: Barton Williams.

MOTION CARRIED. BILL 7M was approved as read and shall be entered into the Creek Nation Code of laws as such.

7N A BILL OF MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION AMENDING TRIBAL ORDINANCE NCA 86-26 ENTITLED "PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION FOR TRIBAL CONTRACTS TO PROVIDE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR FY—87"

The BILL was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 86-26 is hereby amended at Section 153, (A) THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (1) Department of the Interior by adding the following FY-87 BIA Programs as follows: Agriculture Program, Aid to Tribal Government, Credit and Finance, Minerals and Mining, Natural Resources, Real Estate Appraisal Program, Real Estate Services, Water Resources, Basic Government Development, Other Employment Assistance, Community Services General, Social Services, Higher Education, Adult Education, Adult Vocational Training, JOM—Early Childhood, Eufaula dorm.

Section 102. The Secretary shall compile an amended version of Tribal Ordinance NCA 86-26; the Speaker and the Principal Chief shall be required to execute original signatures to the amended version. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Clyde Johnson and seconded by Patricia Clark to approve BILL 7N.

The Chair entertained discussion. A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Joe Fox to amend BILL 7N by adding; Section 103. No money shall be spent from Line Item Indirect Cost unti Indirect Cost Budget has been presented and approved by the Muscogee(Creek) Nation Tribal Council. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in Favor, Four Against, Two Abstentions. Those being against, Chupco, Hale, Johnson and Larney. Those abstaining were: R.Buck, and Clark. MOTION CARRIED. BILL 7N was amended as approved. A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded Leah Stacy to amend BILL 7N by adding: Section 104. Amend the budget line item fringe making the amount 20% (twenty percent) and adding the difference to the total services. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in Favor Six Against No Abstentions. Those Against being: Barnett, Chupco, Clark, Hale, Johnson, Larney. MOTION CARRIED. Amendment was approved as read. The Chair called for the question. Upon a motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twenty-three in Favor, None Against, One Abstention. Those Abstaining being: Jerry Wilson. MOTION CARRIED. BILL 7N was approved as amended and shall be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

70 A BILL OF THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION APPROVING THE NOMINATION OF ELLIOTT HOWE TO SERVE AS A SUPREME COURT JUSTICE FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION. The BILL was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The reappointment by the Principal Chief of Elliot Howe, a citizen and resident of the Muscogee Nation, to serve as a member of the Supreme Court is hereby approved for a term of (6) years.

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Section 102. The term of office shall become effective July1, 1986 and the expiration date shall be June 30, 1992. The BILL having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Clyde Johnson and seconded by Patricia Clark to approve BILL 70 as read. The Chair entertained discussion. The Chairman of the Committee on Business and Governmental Services, Leah Stacy, advised the Committees recommendation was "Do Not Pass". Upon a motion having been dulymade and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Ten in Favor, Thirteen Against, One Abstention. Those being Against: Bear, Bible, Childers, Cleghorn, Dunn, Dunson, Fox, Kamp, McIntosh, Primeaux, Stacy, Thomas, Wilson. Those abstaining: Little. MOTION DID NOT CARRY. BILL 70 was not approved and shall be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

QUARTERLY REPORTS. The Speaker turned the meeting over to Mr. James Floyd to review the quarterly reports. The reports were mailed prior to the meeting. Mr.Floyd answered questions from the Council Representatives.

OTHER BUSINESS.None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, ETC. Mr. Floyd reported that a Public Meeting will be held on August 21 in the Auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on the Blood Quantam Regulation for Indian Health Service. Planning Session date was set for August 12, 1986 at 6:00 p.m. Meeting adjourned by unanimous approval.

June 28, 1986 Regular Scheduled Meeting

INVOCATION: Jonas Dunson

CALL TO ORDER: Speaker, Carney Roberts

ROLL CALL: A quorum was declared with twenty four members present, four absent and it was declared that any and all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. Those absent from this meeting were: Larry Bible, Robert Buck, Leah Stacy and Harley Little.

READING OF THE MINUTES: The minutes of June 26, 1986 were mailed prior to this meeting. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Johnson Buck to approve the minutes as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being; Twenty three in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The minutes of June 26 were approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

I. OLD BUSINESS: The veto message was read and considered as follows: June 12, 1986, MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 86-20 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS. As Principal Chief, I Claude A. Cox, do hereby return NCA 86-20 entitled "Advising and Consenting to the Creation and Organization of the Executive Office of the Principal Chief, Establishing Certain Tribal Officers of, and vesting the Appointment of all Tribal Officers within the Executive Office of the Principal Chief, with the advise and consent of the National Council", with the following objectives:

OBJECTIVE ONE: THE ORDINANCE IS BLATANTLY UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND IGNORES THE CONSTIUTIONAL SEPARATION OF POWERS. Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation clearly vests all executive powers within the Office of the Principal Chief. NCA 86-20 attempts to create and organize this branch of government in a manner neither prepared nor developed by this office. While some constitutional issues may be subject to interpretation, the roles of the executive and legislative branches in this issues are well defined by our constitution. Section Two of Article V vests, without a doubt, the exclusive rights and powers to create and organize the Executive Office in the Office of the Principal Chief. The powers of the Legislative Branch in this issue are relegated to advise and consent. In accordance with the constitution allow this office to employ professional management within the Executive Branch. This legislation attempts to convert management employees to political appointed positions. Such an approach can in no way be in the best interest of efficient and effective government.

OBJECTIVE THREE: SECTIONS OF THE ORDINANCE ADDRESSING ISSUES OF DUE PROCESS FOR EXECUTIVE STAFF ARE INCONSISTENT. Section 107 of the legislation implies that staff may be removed from employment by vote of the National Council. If such a vote were final, the staff would obviously be denied due process of law. Futher, while Section 107 violates the executive power to "hire and fire," it also appears to be inconsistent with Section 109 which places the appeal for personnel controversies within the Judicial Branch, not the Legislative Branch.

OBJECTIVE FOUR: COMPONENTS OF SECTION 103 ARE IMPRACTICAL Taken literally, the Bill at Section 103, (A) (2), would require an Ordinance for any action of a board, commission, or authority. Not only would this violate the legal organization of a body such as the Housing Authority, it is obviously impractical.

RECOMMENDATION: Since this legislation cannot be implemented and is unconstitutional, impractical and unnecessary, no further action is needed. In accordance with the Constitution of the Muscogee(Creek)Nation, I hereby return NCA 86-20 unsigned as a veto. Sincerely, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief/CAC ec

The MESSAGE having been read, the Chair entertained a motion.

A motion was made by Frank Kamp and seconded by Alexander Thomas to adjourn this meeting. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Ten in Favor, Ten Against, No Abstentions; Those being Against: R.Bear, J.Buck, Johnson, Larney, Foster, Hale, Williams, Clark,Chupco, Hardridge,Wheeler, and Miller. MOTION DID NOT CARRY. A motion was made by Kenneth L. Childers and seconded by Robert Hardridge to reassign and return this BILL to committee. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fifteen in Favor, Seven Against, No Abstentions: Those being against were: Buck, Johnson, Larney, Foster, Hale, Clark, Clark, Chupco,and Miller. MOTION CARRIED. NCA 86-20 will be reassigned and returned to Committee for further review.

2. Old Business. A veto message Returning NCA 86-25 to the National Council with objections. The message was read and considered as follows: June 12, 1986, MESSAGE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF RETURNING NCA 86-25 TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WITH OBJECTIONS. I, Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, hereby return NCA 86-25, entitled "Approving a One Year Tribal Plan for Dockets 169-272 and 309-74 for Fiscal Year 1987", to the National Council with objections as follows:

OBJECTION ONE: A THREE YEAR PLAN IS PREFERRABLE TO A ONE YEAR PLAN. Since Federal budget cuts will reduce funding for service programs over the next few years, a tribal budget which projects funding categories over a three year period will facilitate the planning and implementation of services. A one year plan restricts and limits the tribal government's ability to manage governmental and funtions and programs. The Nation would be restricted to only the current fiscal year with little or no direction for future programs and services. This situation is contrary to progressive government. In addition, citizens contacting this office, as well as those participating in the hearing process, favor the three year approach.

OBJECTION TWO: SECTION 106 CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED:

Section 106 implies that the National Council may contract for audit services. The selection, contract and payment for audit services are executive functions. No system exits for the Legislative Branch to execute a contract for services or authorize payment for such services.

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommended the National Council approve a three year plan as follows: Appropriation - Tribal Government - Percent Limit, .30, FY-87 (.305) 343,125, FY-88 (.33) 371,250, FY-89 (.365) 410,625. B. Tribal Programs, Percent, .10, FY-87, 114,275, FY-88, 123,750, FY-89, 136,875. C. Economic Development, Percent, .30, FY-87,343,125, FY-88, 371250, FY-89, 410,625. E. Higher Education, Percent, .10, FY-87, 114,375, FY-88, 123,750, FY-89, 136,875.

In accordance with the provision of the Constitution, I am returning NCA 86-25 unsigned as a veto. Sincerely, Claude A. Cox,Principal Chief, CAC: ec

A motion was made by Jerry Wilson and seconded by Jonas Dunson to over-ride the veto of NCA 86-25. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Fourteen in Favor, Ten Against, No Abstentions. Those against being: J. Buck, Johnson, Larney, Foster, Hale, Clark, Chupco, Hardridge, and Miller. MOTION DID NOT CARRY. NCA 86-25 STANDS AS A VETO, and shall be recorded as such into the Creek Nation Code of laws of such. A MOTION was made by Kenneth L. Childers and seconded by Betty Foster that a Public Hearing on the Three Year Plan be conducted by the Committee on Business and Governmental Services and to come back to the Council with a report on their findings. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eighteen in Favor, Four Against, One Abstention. Those being Against were: Fox, Johnson, Foster, Clark, Chupco. Those abstaining: Jerry Wilson. MOTION CARRIED. Upon the decision of the full Council the committee on Business and Governmental shall conduct a public hearing on the three-year plan and to report their findings.

NEW BUSINESS. 6D A BILL to be introduced into the Muscogee (Creek) National Council on this 28th day of June, 1986, introduced by Request of the Principal Chief and assigned to the Committee on Tribal Affairs. On behalf of the Committee Sandy McIntosh reported that this BIll be presented with a recommendation of a "DO PASS" as it was the majority vote of the Committee.

TITLE: 6-D A BILL of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing andappropriating Tribal Funds for the Starter Field Coil Fabricator Project. The Bill was read and considered as follows.

Section 101. Subject to Section 105 and Section 106, the Principal Chief is hereby authorized to administer and expend funds not to exceed $470,406for the Starter Field Coil Fabricator Project.

Section 102. Tribal funds appropriated for this project shall be expended from 7151 funds. **Section 103.** Unexpended funds appropriated for this project shall be returned to the 7151 funds account. **Section 104.** The Management of this project shall be in compliance with the attached Management Contract. **Section 105.** The appropriation of funds for this project shall be contingent on a contract being signed with Union Parts in Oklahoma City. **Section 106.** The Management Contract shall require the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, or his authorized representative, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. The Bill have been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Hale and seconded by Clark to approve the Bill as read. Discussion was held and it was recommended that this Bill not be voted on during this session. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Childers to postpone action on A Bill 6-D. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Twelve in favor, ten against, and no abstentions. Voting Yes were: Barnett, Dunn, Dunson, McIntosh, Primeaux, Fox, Cleghorn, Childers, Kamp, Williams, Hardridge, Thomas and Wilson. Voting No; Bear, Buck, Foster, Foster, Chupco, Johnson, Larhey, Hale, Clark, Wheeler and Miller. Motion carried. Bill 6-D was postponed and shall be recorded as such.

6-E A Bill to be introduced into the Musocgee(Creek) National Council on this 28th day of June, introduced by request of Sandy McIntosh to be presented to the Council to act on as a Committee of the Whole.

TITLE: 6-E A Bill of the Muscogee Nation permitting the Rodeo Festival Committee to Use Lands for Tribal Purposes without a lease. The Bill was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Creek Nation Rodeo and Festival shall not be required to lease tribal lands for the purpose of the annual rodeo and festival for tribal members, the third weekend in every June. The BILL having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Richard Larney and seconded by Micky Primeaux to approve the BILL as read. Discussion was held. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Tony Hale and seconded by Clyde Johnson to see what developments would come out of the proposed BILL submitted by the Executive Office, entitled, "Establishing a Coordinating Board for the Creek Nation Festival and Creek Nation Rodeo." Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Ten in Favor,Thirteen Against, No Abstentions. Those being against: R.Bear,Fox, Larney, Childers, Dunn, Foster, Kamp, Williams, Clark, McIntosh, Primeaux, Thomas, and Wheeler. MOTION DID NOT CARRY.

The Chair called for the question. Question. A roll call vote for the approval of BILL 6-E was taken with the results being: Eighteen in Favor, Four Against, One Abstention. Those being against: Fox, Johnson, Chupco, and Clark.

MOTION CARRIED. BILL 6-E was approved as read and shall be recorded as such.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION.

A Bill 6-F entitled " Extending the Tribal Attorney Contract for legal Counsel-George Almerigi, Attorney At Law as authorized by tribal Ordinance NCA 85-19. The Chair The Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Clyde Johnson to place this item on the agenda for consideration. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Eleven in Favor, Twelve Against, No Abstentions. Those being against: Fox, Cleghorn, Childers, Dunn, Dunson, Kamp, Williams, McIntosh, Primeaux, Hardridge, Thomas. MOTION DID NOT CARRY. The BILL was not placed on the Agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS. None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, ETC. The Planning Session would be likely held on Tuesday, July 15, 1986 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Johnson Buck and seconded by Betty Foster to adjourn this meeting. By unanimous decision, the meeting adjourned.

BENEDICTION.